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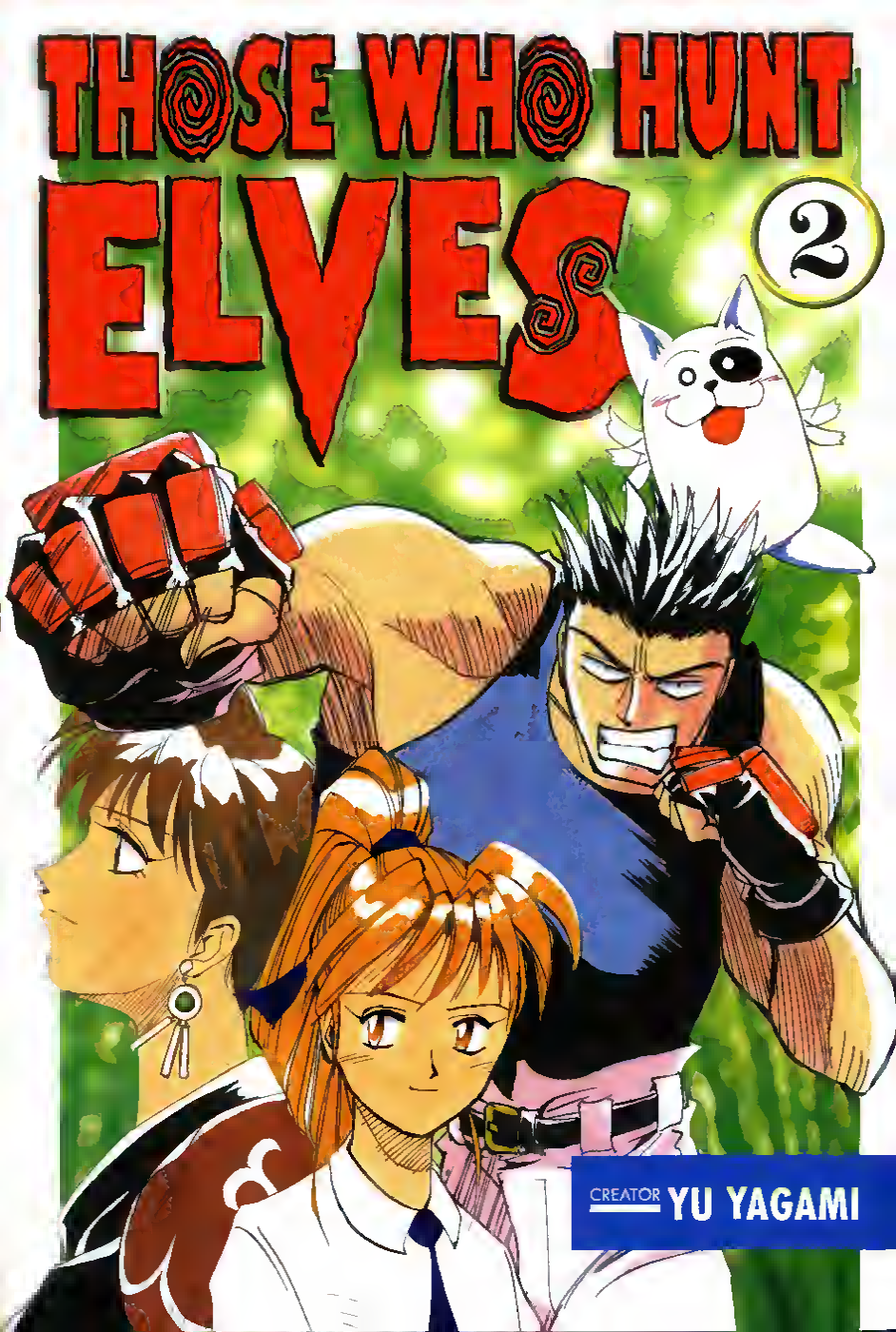

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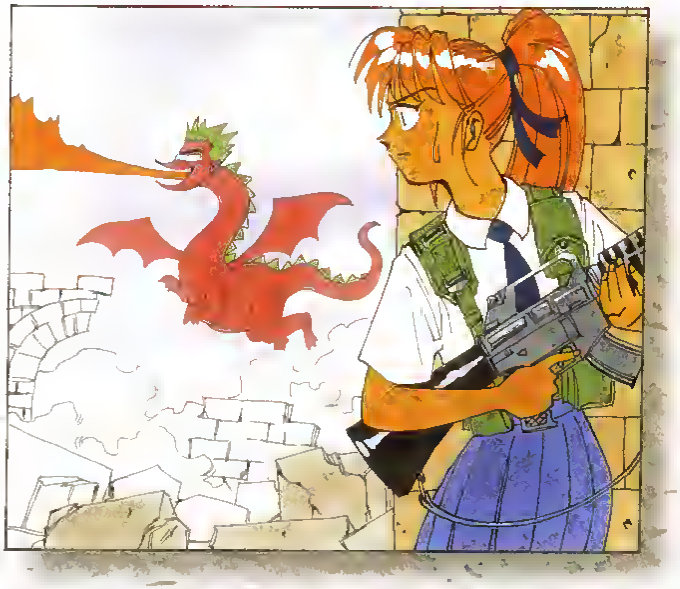

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ISN'T THERE ANYONE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN DEFEAT ME?
WHAT A WORTHLESS BUNCH OF SCUM!
ARGH...
DOOM
UNGH...
YOU ARE JUST STUDENTS. DON'T THINK FOR A MINUTE THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT ME.
"JAPAN"?
HE'S A REAL FIGHTER!
TRY LOOKING FOR THE GUY THEY SAY COMES FROM A WORLD CALLED "JAPAN."
HIS NAME IS...
I WOULDN'T GET SO COCKY IF I WERE YOU, RANDALL.

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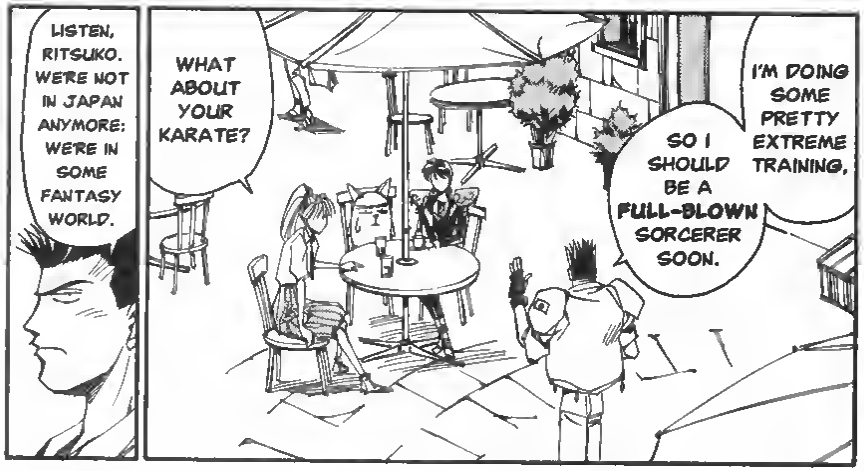
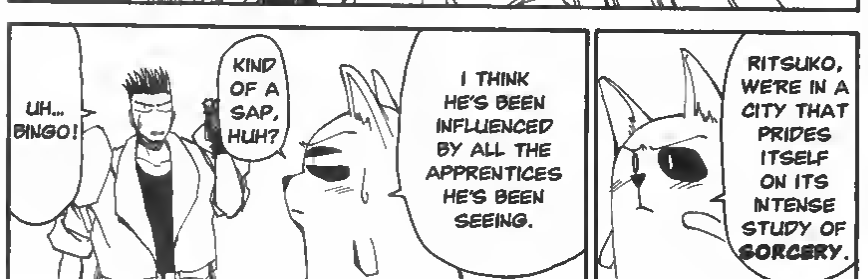
The Man Who Kicks Low

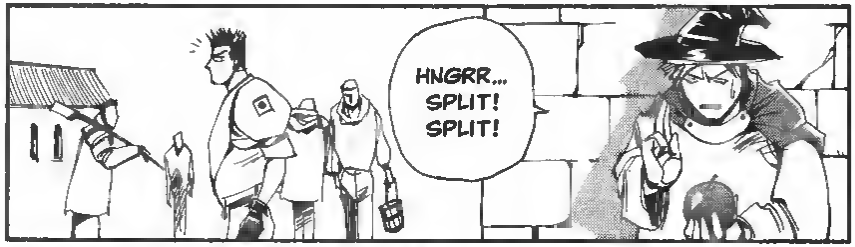
FROM NOW ON, YOU CAN CALL ME JUNPEI THE SORCERER!
WHAT?
HUH?

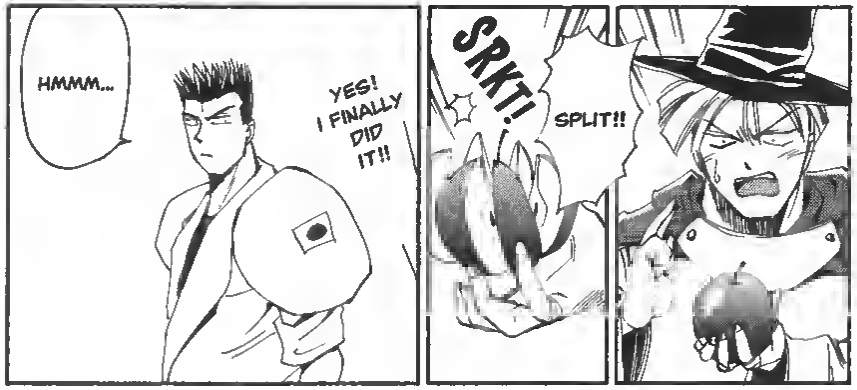

LISTEN, RITSUKO. WE'RE NOT IN JAPAN ANYMORE; WE'RE IN SOME FANTASY WORLD.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR KARATE?
I'M DOING SOME PRETTY EXTREME TRAINING,
SO I SHOULD BE A FULL-BLOWN SORCERER SOON.

WHAT IS HE SMOKING?
BWAHAHAHA
はっはっは
SO WE'VE GOTTA HAVE A MAGIC SPELL OR TWO UNDER OUR BELTS!


UH... BINGO!
KIND OF A SAP, HUH?
I THINK HE'S BEEN INFLUENCED BY ALL THE APPRENTICES HE'S BEEN SEEING.
RITSUKO, WE'RE IN A CITY THAT PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS INTENSE STUDY OF SORCERY.

I GUESS I DON'T NEED TO RUN OR STRETCH...
HOW DO I TRAIN IN SORCERY?


HNGRR... SPLIT! SPLIT!


HMMM...
YES! I FINALLY DID IT!!
SRKT!
SPLIT!!

I BET IT'LL BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN GETTING BACK TO JAPAN.
"EXTREME" TRAINING OR WHATEVER, FEEL FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT!

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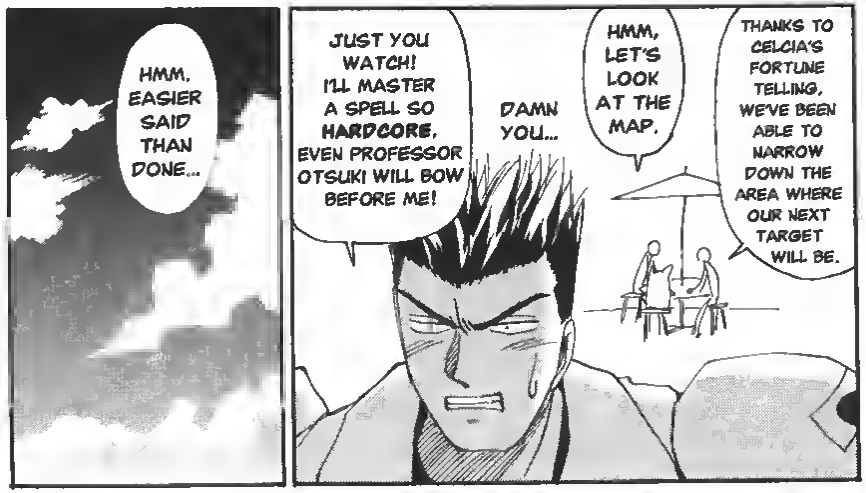
ABOUT THE NEXT ELF WE'RE GOING TO STRIP?
AIRI, LET'S LEAVE THAT IDIOT ALONE AND CONTINUE WITH OUR CONVERSATION.

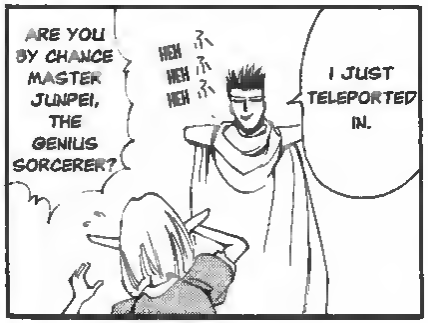

HMM, EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
JUST YOU WATCH! I'LL MASTER A SPELL SO HARDCORE, EVEN PROFESSOR OTSUKI WILL BOW BEFORE ME!
DAMN YOU...
HMM, LET'S LOOK AT THE MAP.
THANKS TO CELCIA'S FORTUNE TELLING, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO NARROW DOWN THE AREA WHERE OUR NEXT TARGET WILL BE.

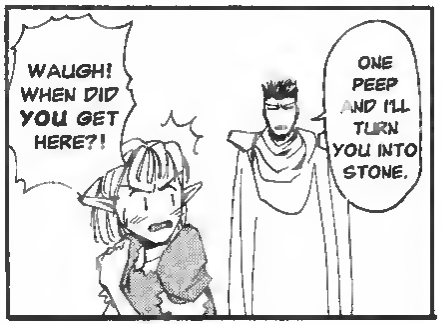
I...
I'M NOT SURE.
WHAT HAPPENED?
どぉーん
I KNEW IT! I HAVE A GIFT!!
OH, THAT MAKES SENSE.
LOOK, THERE WAS A BANANA PEEL LYING THERE.
RING!!
LOOKIE キョロ
キョロ LOOKIE
ALRIGHT, NEXT IS...

FALL DOWN!
SCUFF SCUFF すたすた
.....
すてーん
!!
AAAHH!!
SHWIP!
I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

BUSTED!
OOOPS!
HEY, YOU KIDS!

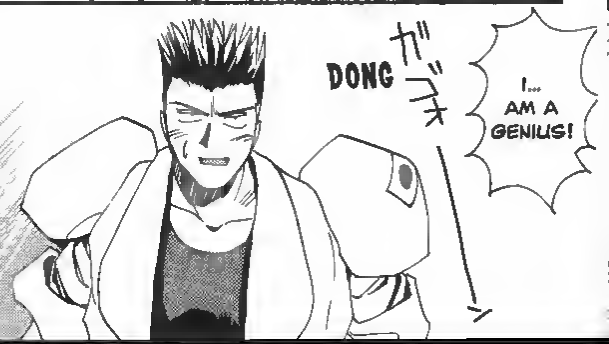
I, JUNPEI THE GENIUS, WILL GET OUR TICKETS TO JAPAN NO MATTER WHAT!!
CLARE キリリ
WAIT FOR ME, MS. AIRI.
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
HYAAAA!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO PLAY WITH THE BELLS!


ARE YOU BY CHANCE MASTER JUNPEI, THE GENIUS SORCERER?
HEH HEH HEH ふふふ
I JUST TELEPORTED IN.

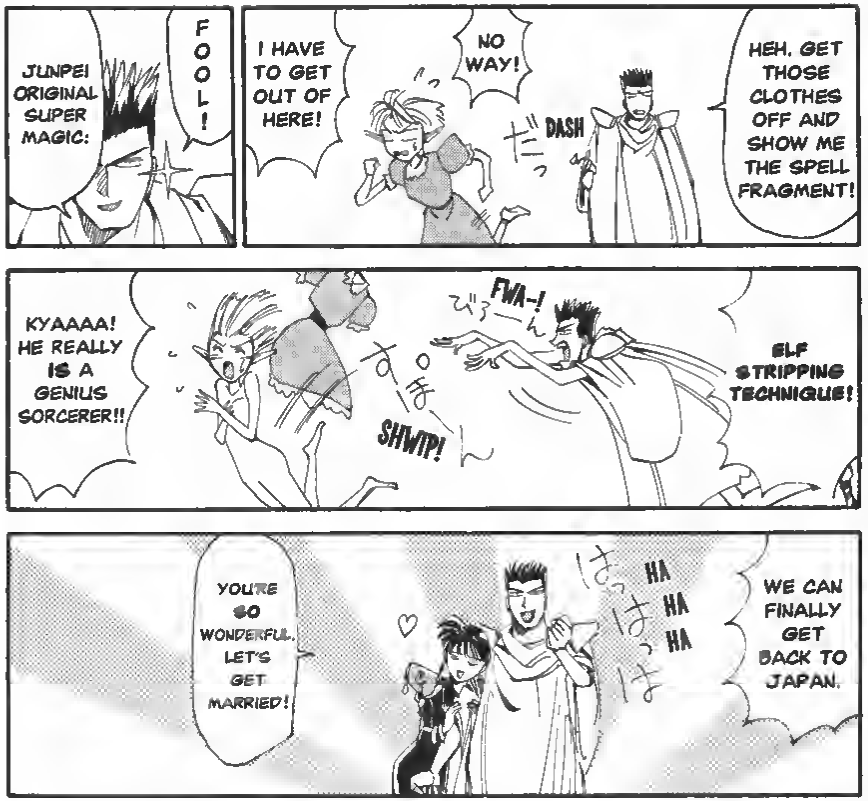

WAUGH! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!
ONE PEEP AND I'LL TURN YOU INTO STONE.

WOW!
ガゴオ DING DONG
ガゴオ DING DONG
ガゴオ DING DONG

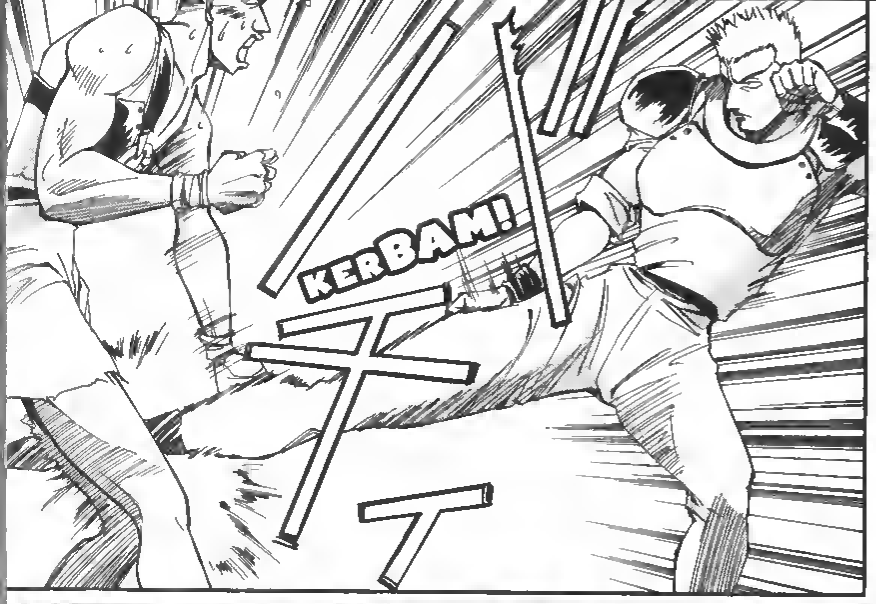
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THE NOON BELL.
ガゴオ DING DONG
IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE BELL FOR ASSEMBLY EITHER.
ガゴオ DING DONG


I KNEW IT ALL ALONG! I'M A GENIUS!
DONG ガゴオ
I... AM A GENIUS!

NAMED JUNPEI RYUZOJI IS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
I HEARD A PROFESSIONAL FIGHTER...
SCUFF
HEY, YOU'RE RANDALL VARLANT.
I KICKED THEM. THEY BROKE.
...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE LEGS OF ALL THE STUDENTS AT THE GRAVES SCHOOL, AREN'T YOU?

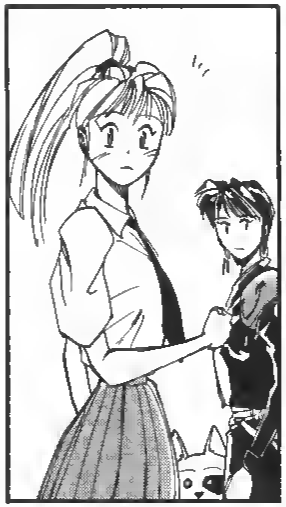

JUNPEI ORIGINAL SUPER MAGIC:
FOOL!
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
NO WAY!
DASH
HEH. GET THOSE CLOTHES OFF AND SHOW ME THE SPELL FRAGMENT!
KYAAAA! HE REALLY IS A GENIUS SORCERER!!
FWA-!
SHWIP!
ELF STRIPPING TECHNIQUE!
YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL. LET'S GET MARRIED!
HA HA HA
WE CAN FINALLY GET BACK TO JAPAN.

wedding wedding wedding
けっこん けっこん けっこん けっこん
IT'S PERFECT!


KERBAM!

THE SPEED OF HIS LOW KICK IS INCREDIBLE.
YEAH...
GUESS WE WERE WRONG.

SHUDDER
HE WON THE TITLE AT THE WORLD FIGHTING TOURNAMENT LAST YEAR.
THAT'S RANDALL, THE KING OF FIGHTERS.



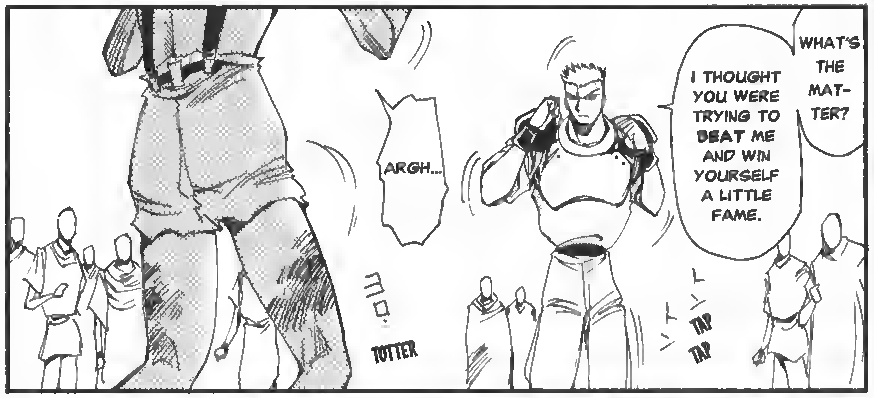
GET 'IM! GET 'IM!
YEE-HAW!
IT'S A FIGHT! A FIGHT!

THAT'S GOTTA HURT!
WOW!!
BASH
HELL OF A KICK!

OH...
EXCUSE ME. LET ME THROUGH.
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S JUNPEI FIGHTING...

THE IMPACT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIS OPPONENT TO HANDLE!

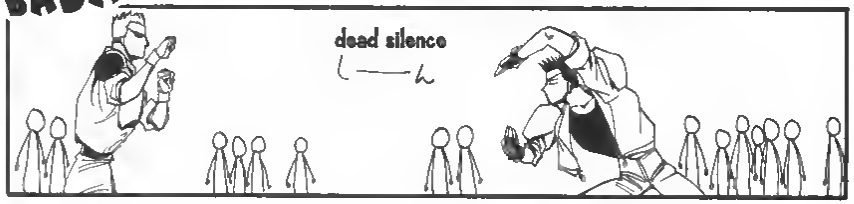
HE BLOCKED THE KICK AND REDIRECTED IT... AND THEN THREW A LOW KICK TO BOTH LEGS!



YEAH, 'CUZ THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU INTENDED. GOOD MOVE.
JUNPEI!
HMM, SO YOU'RE JUNPEI.
AIRI, TOO!
THERE YOU ARE, RITSUKO.

HMPH. ALREADY BROKEN, HUH?
GARGH...!
HUSH
THIS GUY...
IS REALLY TOUGH!

SPIN, SPIN AND FLY AWAY!!
BABAAAAM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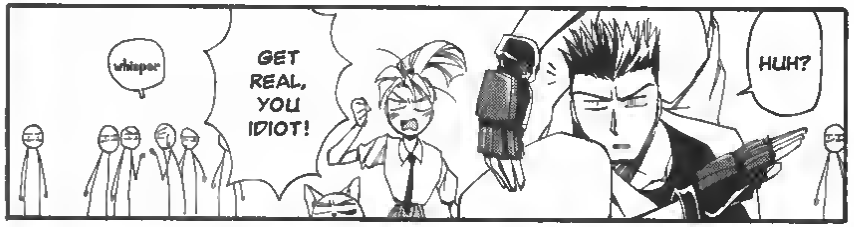
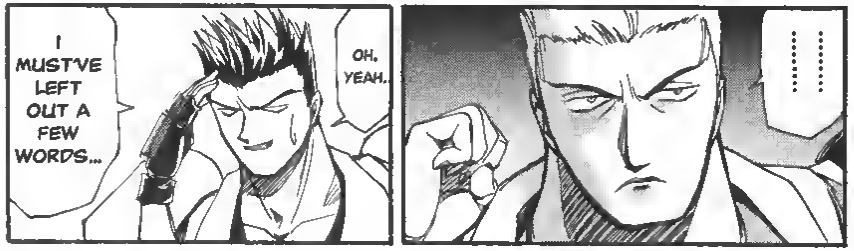
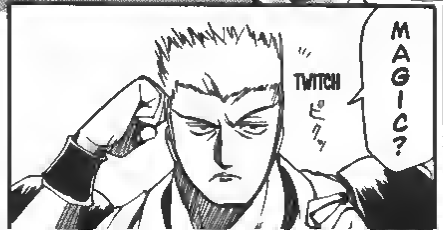

whisper
GET REAL, YOU IDIOT!
HUH?

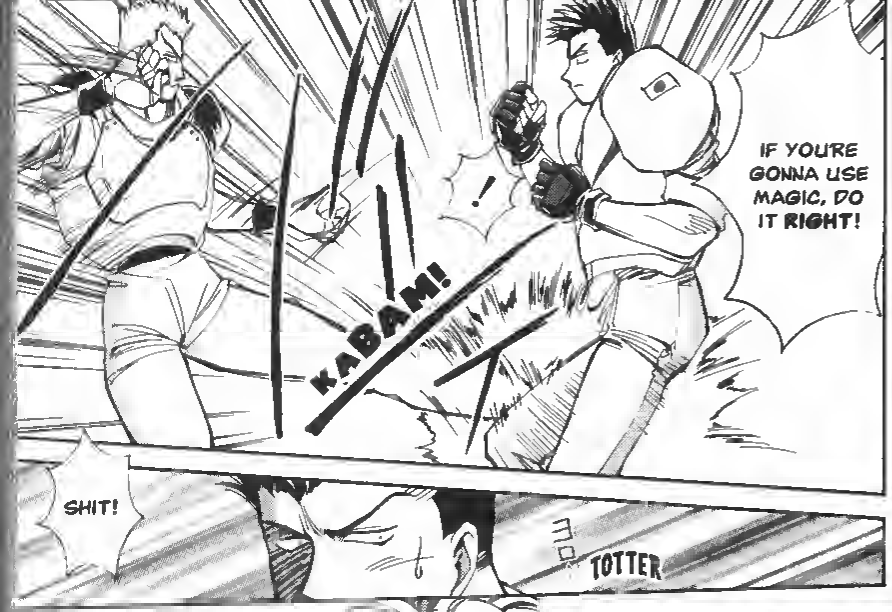

I MUST'VE LEFT OUT A FEW WORDS...
OH, YEAH.
.....

WHAT ?!
FWIP
FIGHT ME.
MURMUR
HEH.

JUNPEI THE GENIUS SORCERER WILL SHOW YOU SOME OF HIS MAGIC MOVES.
SURE THING.
SCUFF


TWITCH
MAGIC?

HUH?

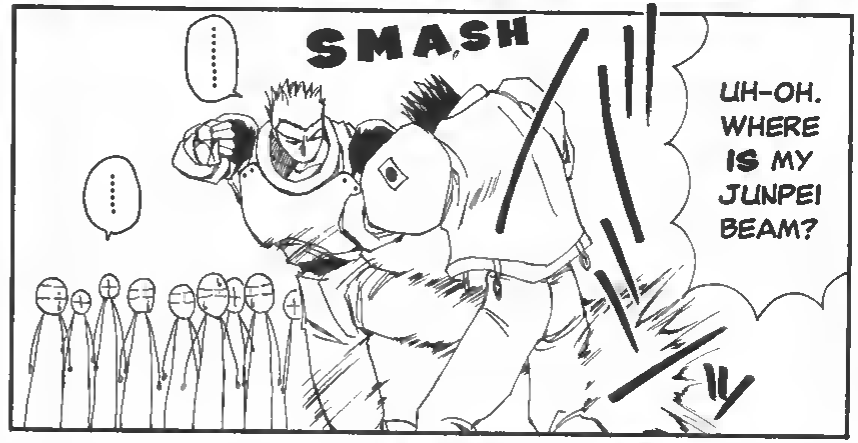

IF YOU'RE GONNA USE MAGIC, DO IT RIGHT!
KABAM!
SHIT!
TOTTER

JUNPEI MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP HIS GUARD UP, BUT HE'S STILL GOING TO GET HURT. HE NEEDS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DODGE THOSE KICKS!!
THOSE LOW KICKS...
ALRIGHT. YOU ASKED FOR IT...
BAAAM!
YOU PIECE OF SHIT!

whisper
whisper
WILL YOU PLEASE STOP?! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING US!
SPIN, SPIN, SPIN TO THE LEFT, AND FLY INTO THE SOUTHERN SKY!!
YOU'RE NOT TOTALLY HOPELESS AFTER ALL.
YOU KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT ME IS BY USING MAGIC.
OH, I GET IT.
HEH HEH HEH.
HOWEVER...
SHWFF

BAM
USE YOUR FOOT-WORK!!
JUNPEI! GET SERIOUS!!
FWSH
KABASH!
I'LL FINISH YOU OFF WITH THIS!
YOU FOOL!
YOU FORGOT I HAVE SOMETHING BESIDES JUST MAGICAL ATTACKS!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOUR KARATE!!

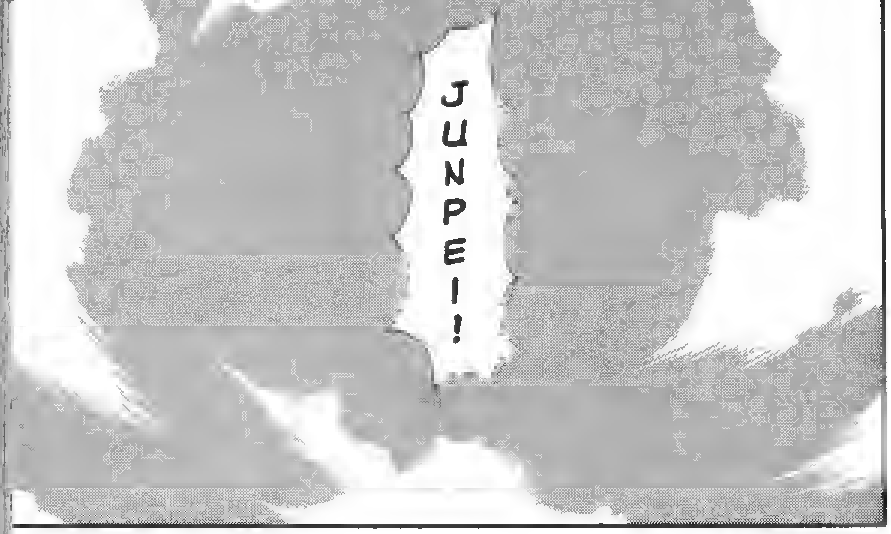
ZAP
JUNPEI BEAM!!

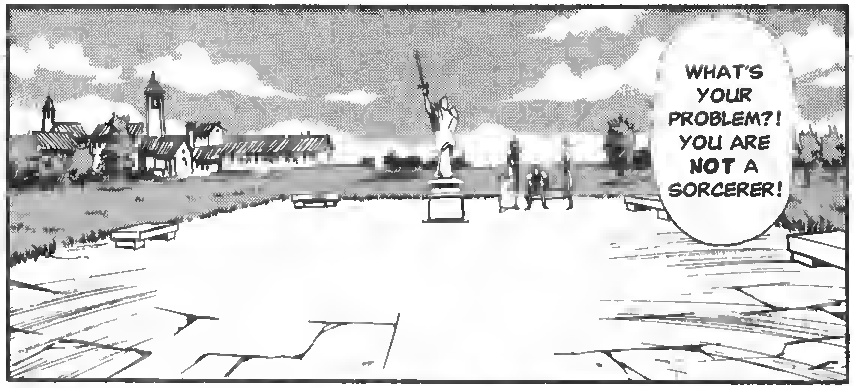

SMASH
UH-OH. WHERE IS MY JUNPEI BEAM?

BUT THIS TIME HE'S GONE TOO FAR!
I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT HEAD OF HIS...
IN THE HEAD?
IS JUNPEI OKAY? LIKE...

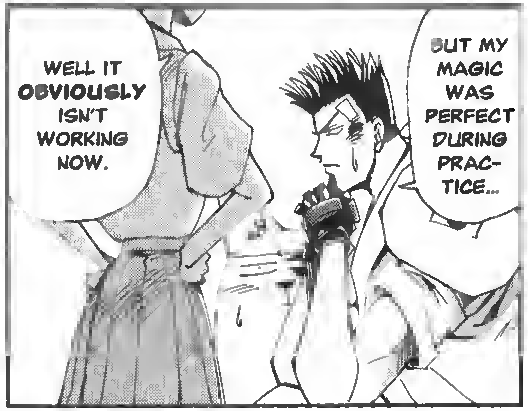
GONG
!!

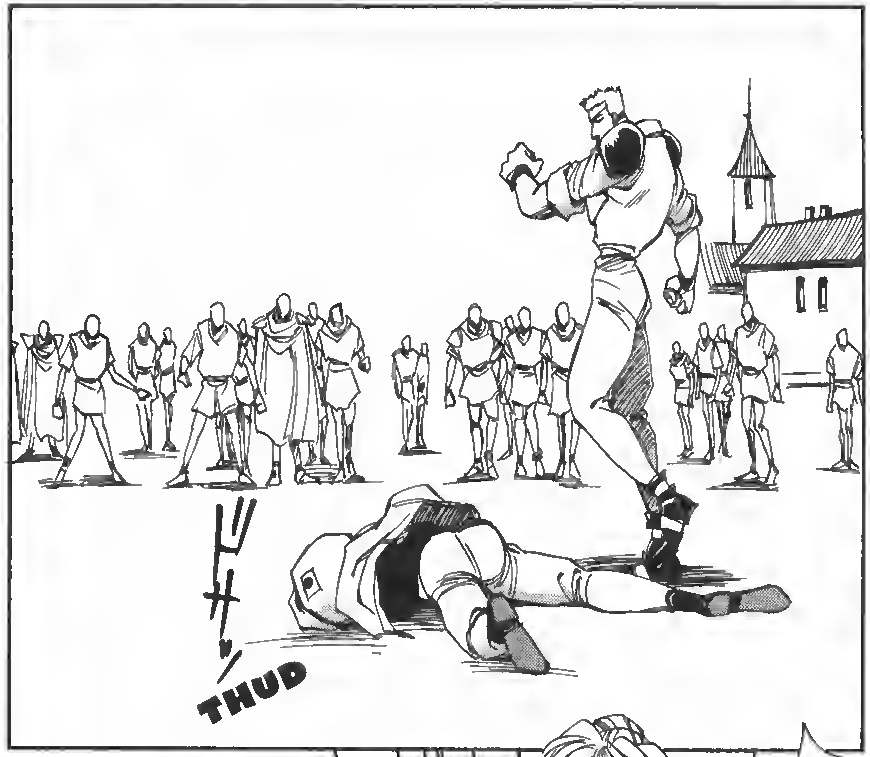
TA-DAA
MAGIC BARRIER !!
YOU IDIOT!

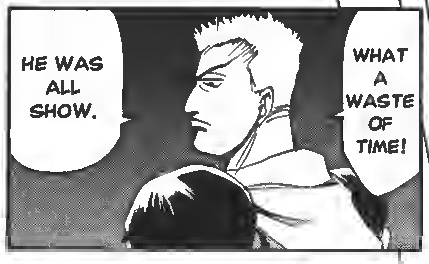

JUNPEI!

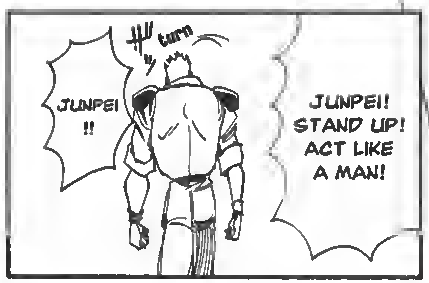

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?! YOU ARE NOT A SORCERER!

EXCUSE ME...
JEEZ, YOU'RE PATHETIC.


WELL IT OBVIOUSLY ISN'T WORKING NOW.
BUT MY MAGIC WAS PERFECT DURING PRAC-TICE...

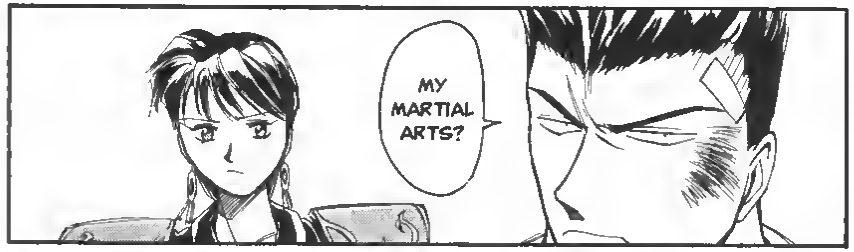

THUD


HE WAS ALL SHOW.
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!


JUNPEI !!
JUNPEI! STAND UP! ACT LIKE A MAN!

JUNPEI!!
DASH

I BEG YOU TO DEFEAT HIM WITH YOUR MARTIAL ARTS.


MY MARTIAL ARTS?

JUNPEI --
AAH, I WAS PLANNING TO FIGHT HIM AGAIN ANYWAY.

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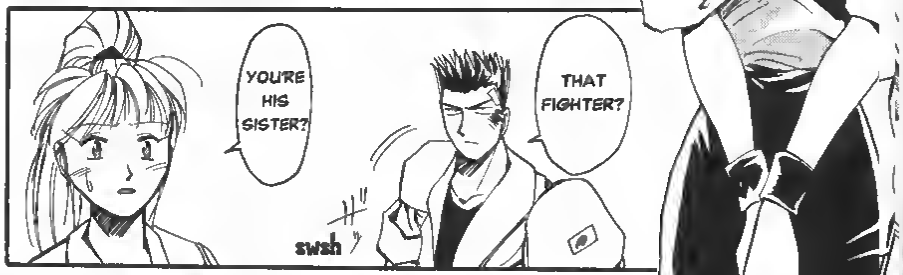
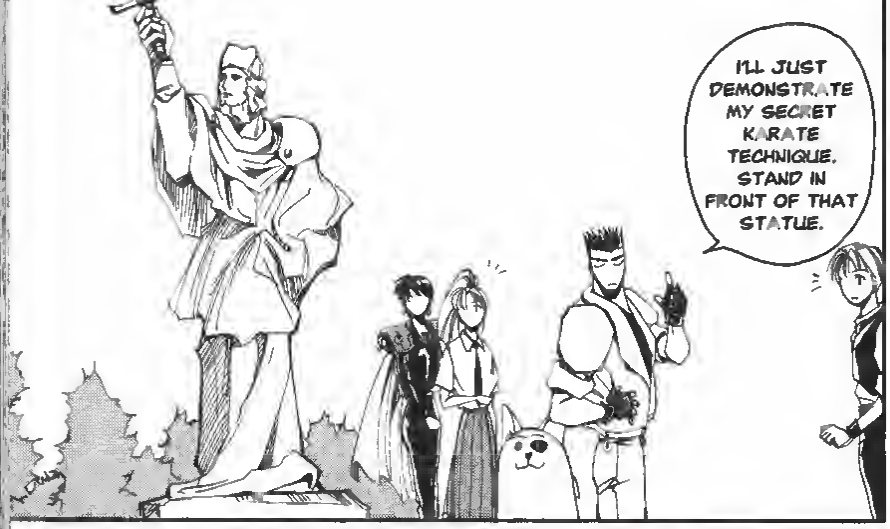
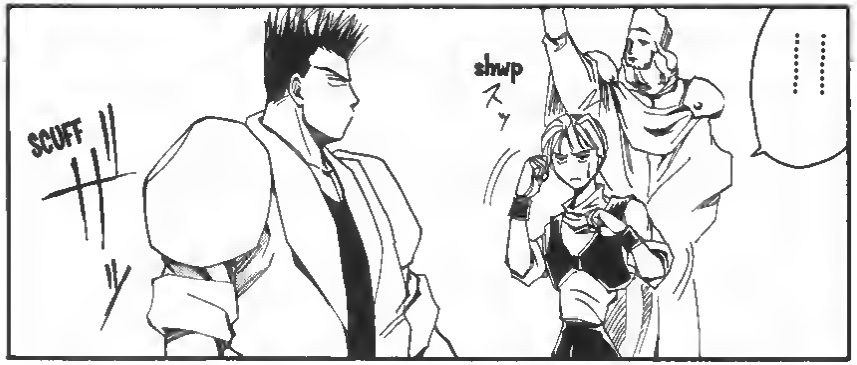
WE HAVEN'T MET...
BUT MY NAME IS EMMA VARLANT.

I'M RANDALL'S YOUNGER SISTER.


YOU'RE HIS SISTER?
THAT FIGHTER?
swsh

I CAME TO ASK YOU A FAVOR. PLEASE FIGHT MY BROTHER AGAIN!


I'LL JUST DEMONSTRATE MY SECRET KARATE TECHNIQUE. STAND IN FRONT OF THAT STATUE.


SCUFF
shwp
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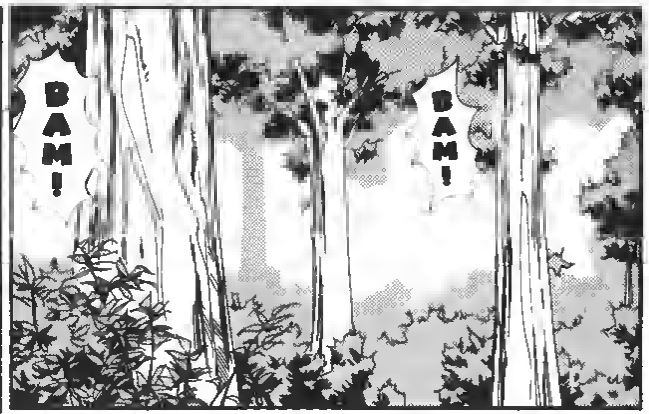
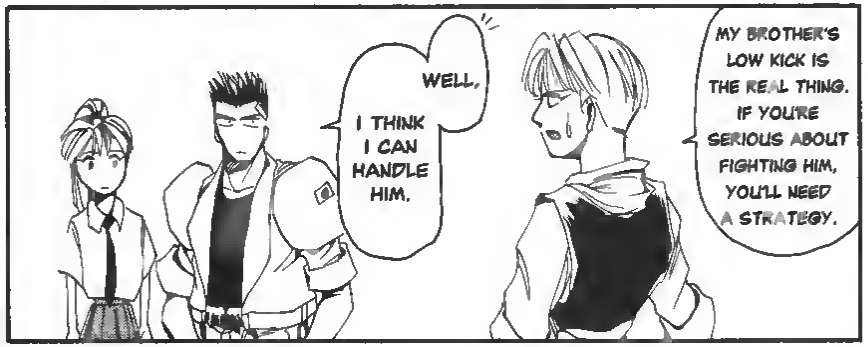
HMM. I DIDN'T KNOW...


BAM!
BAM!

WILL YOU CUT IT OUT?!
ばし
THWACK
I HAVEN'T TRIED MY ULTRA-BEAM YET.

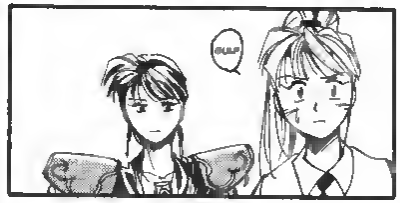

WELL, I THINK I CAN HANDLE HIM.
MY BROTHER'S LOW KICK IS THE REAL THING. IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT FIGHTING HIM, YOU'LL NEED A STRATEGY.

FINE, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
BUT MY LOW KICKS ARE JUST AS GOOD. I SUGGEST YOU USE ME AS A SPARRING PARTNER.
I'M NOT AS STRONG AS MY BROTHER.
ポリポリ
SCRATCH

NO!
WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE, YOU'LL JUST MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES YOU DID BEFORE.

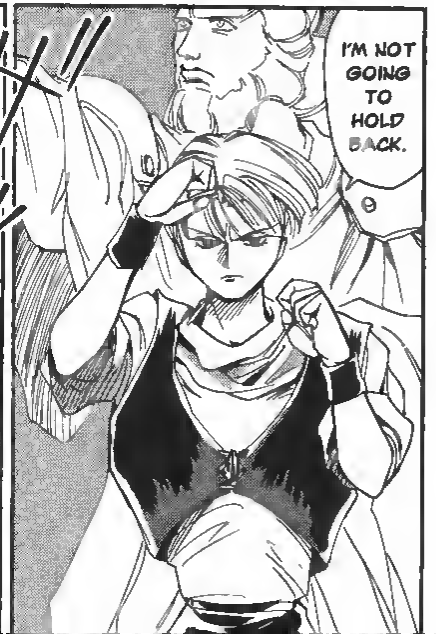
HYA!
FWOOSH
SO FAST!!

THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS WAS THIS BORING!!
KERBANG!


SIGH

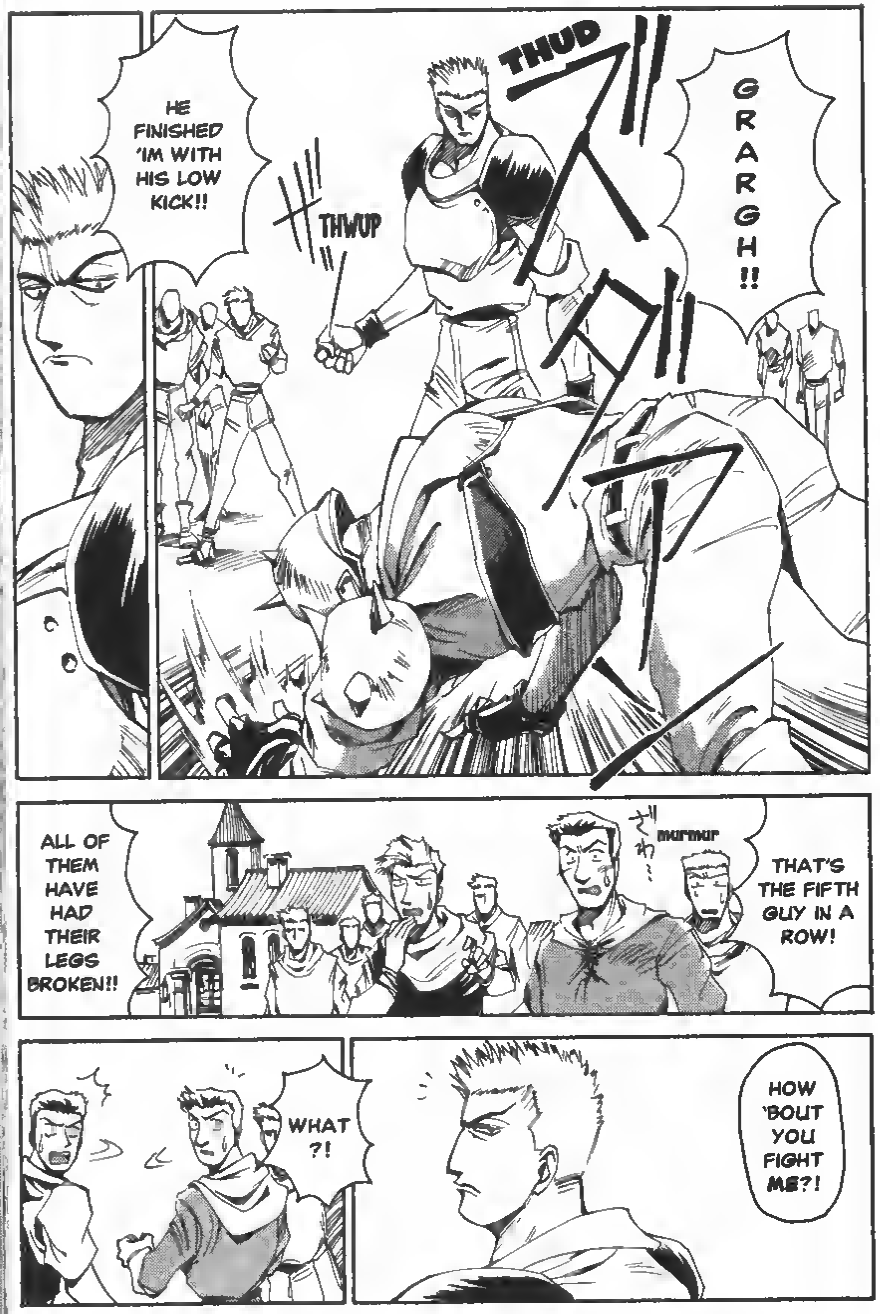
I'M READY, IF YOU ARE.

SHWP


I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD BACK.

KERRAKK!!
I AM THE STRONG-EST!
VWORR
HOW... DID HE DO THAT?
AMAZING...
HE AVOIDED MY KICK AND...
AT THE SAME TIME, HE...

IT'S TIME TO GIVE THAT MARTIAL ARTS PUNK A WAKEUP CALL!
ROAR



Character Profile (1)

Junpei Ryuzoji

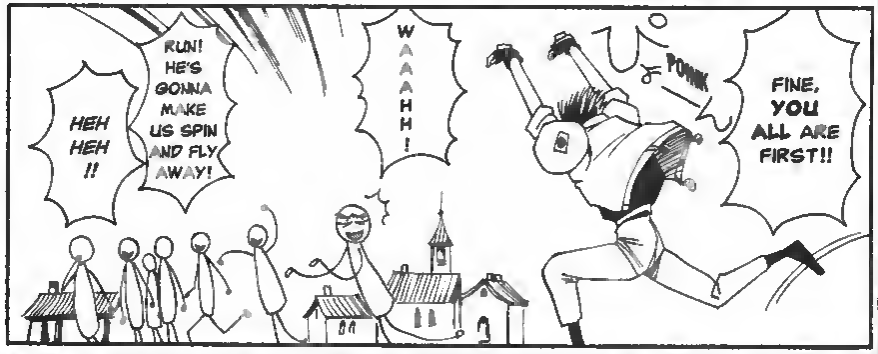
Age: 19
Blood Type: B
Sign: Virgo
Personality: Shallow and stupid

A total losar. He failed his college entrance exams and is currently trying to be a professional fighter. His less-than-average intelligence is compensated by a terrific fighting sense, and the fights he got into in his high school days are legendary. He is a big fan of Airi, tha movie star, and he's devoted his life to pursuing her. Junpei's favorite dish is curry rice and he can actually cook it himsalf.

#7 魂と技と……
Spirit and Technique
THAT WEIRDO IS BACK FOR MORE!
crack crack crack
BACK!
WHOAAA! HE'S BACK!

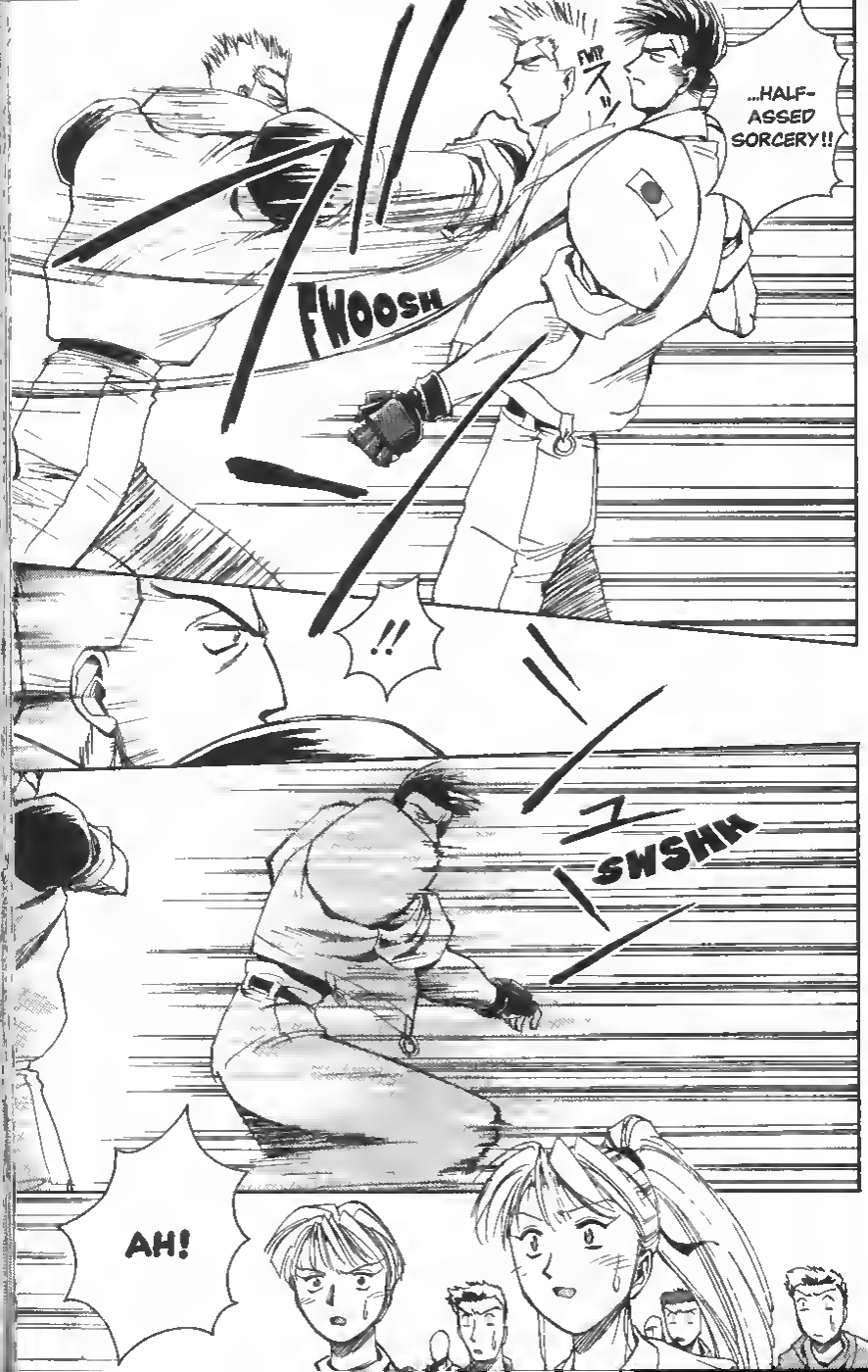
THE DECIDING MOMENT WILL BE WHEN RANDALL TRIES TO USE HIS LOW KICK.
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THAT BACK-WARDS.
.....
SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME.
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
SHWIP
!!

HA HA HA!
"SPIN, SPIN AND FLY AWAY!"
IT'S THE FAKE WIZARD!
WHOO'EE
IS YOUR HEAD SCREWED ON RIGHT?
I'M A DIFFERENT MAN THIS TIME, RANDALL.


HEH HEH !!
RUN! HE'S GONNA MAKE US SPIN AND FLY AWAY!
WAAAHH!
POINK
FINE, YOU ALL ARE FIRST!!

NOBODY SEEMS TO REALIZE HOW POWERFUL HE REALLY IS.
I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED.
HE MADE HIMSELF VERY POPULAR.

MY BROTHER'S LOW KICK IS FANTASTIC, BUT JUNPEI'S COUNTERATTACK IS EVEN BETTER!


...HALF-ASSED SORCERY!!
FWOOSH
!!
SWSHK
AH!

SPIN, SPIN AND FLY AWAY!!
WORRR
dead silence... again
.....
YOU IDIOT!
OH BOY.
THAT'LL SHOCK HIM!
YOU GO, FAKE SOR-CERER!!
WOW
THERE HE GOES!
BWAHAHAHA!!
WA HA HA HA
NO.
A LOW KICK?!
SHWAPP
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR...

BABAAM
HYAAAAAAA!

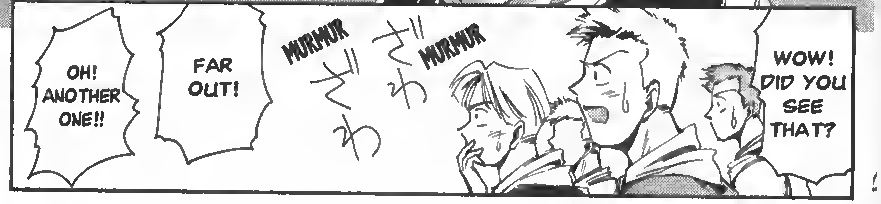
WHOAAAA
HYAA!
A RIGHT MIDDLE KICK!

ANOTHER RIGHT MIDDLE KICK!
HE'S SO FAST!
WHAMM!

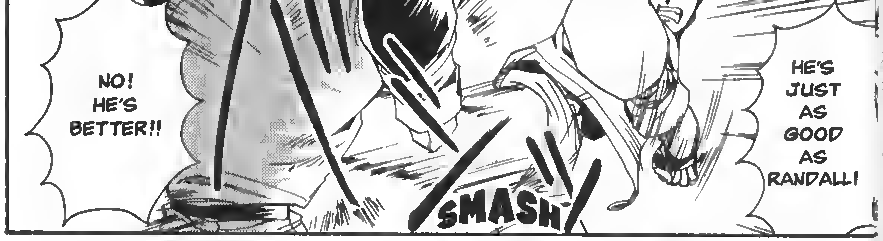
!!
THWUMP!

HE DOESN'T TELE-GRAPH HIS ATTACKS AT ALL!
HE'S SO FAST!
SHIT!

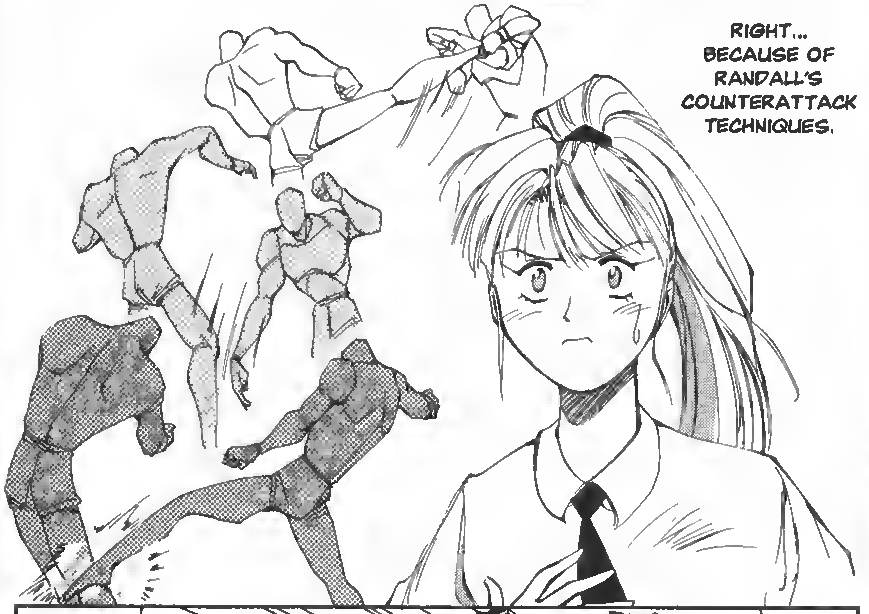
RANDALL GOT HIS GUARD UP IN TIME.
GULP
BUT...


OH! ANOTHER ONE!!
FAR OUT!
MURMUR
MURMUR
WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

UH-OH.
IS IT TIME FOR THE LOW KICK?!
BETTER GET OUT OF HERE, FAKE SORCERER!!
NOW YOU'VE GOT ME SERIOUS.
FWIP
.....
THIS WILL ALL BE OVER IN SECONDS. I'VE GOTTA WATCH CAREFULLY...
FWSH


NO! HE'S BETTER!!
SMASH
HE'S JUST AS GOOD AS RANDALL!

IT'S TOO RISKY TO USE HIGH KICKS.
THAT'S THE WAY TO DEFEAT HIM.
ALL OF JUNPEI'S ATTACKS ARE TARGETING THE RIB CAGE.

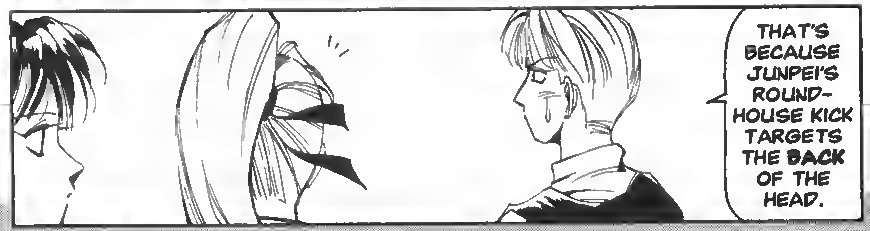

RIGHT... BECAUSE OF RANDALL'S COUNTERATTACK TECHNIQUES.

BUT HE'S BLOCKING ALL OF YOUR KICKS!
おおおお
WOW WOW
YOU ROCK, FAKE SORCERER!

FWIP
!!
SHWOOP
WHOOOSH
HERE COMES THE LOW KICK!!

WHAMM!
!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT STATUE'S HEAD FELL FORWARD, TOO.
WHY DID RANDALL FALL FORWARD WHEN HE GOT KICKED?


THAT'S BECAUSE JUNPEI'S ROUND-HOUSE KICK TARGETS THE BACK OF THE HEAD.

NO ONE COULD TAKE SUCH A POWERFUL KICK AND REMAIN STANDING.

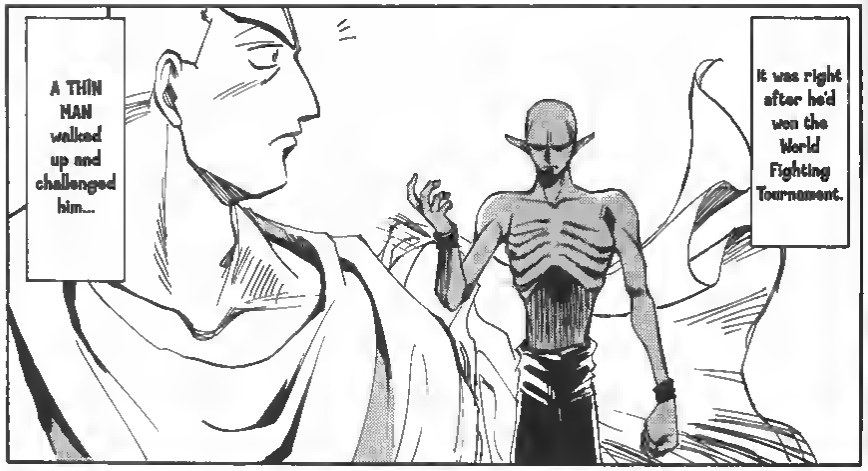
THUDD

HE WENT FROM A DODGE RIGHT INTO A ROUNDHOUSE KICK!

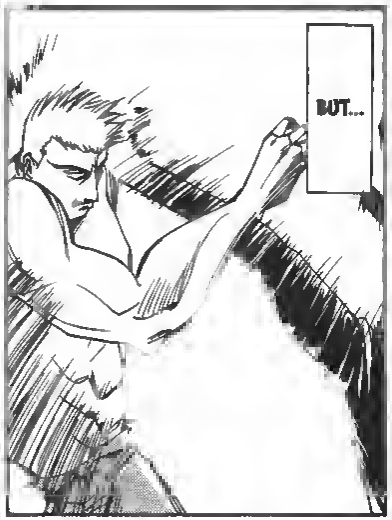
WHOAAAA
WHAAAA?!

HOW TO HUNT ELVES
I'M YU YAGAMI.
HELLO EVERY-ONE!
tap tap
ELF
TODAY, I'LL BE SHOWING YOU HOW TO HUNT ELVES!
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A WEAPON... LIKE THIS WEED WHACKER!
BOO-YA!
THIS COULD TAKE A WHILE...
YAWN
AND THE HUNT IS ON!
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, PRUNE THEIR CLOTHES OFF?
YOU'RE RIGHT. HEY, CAN ANYBODY SPARE AN ELF?
CRACK
YOU ARE A DIFFE-RENT MAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
TOTTER
IS THIS DUDE IMMORTAL OR WHAT?
EMMA...
HMM?
JUST AS I SUSPECTED. YOU ARE USING, AREN'T YOU?

GOOD JOB!
WAY TO GO, FAKE SORCERER!
HEH. I'M ALMOST TOO STRONG!
YEAHHHH
うおおお
HEH. HEH HEH.
RANDALL...
WHAT THE-?
ULP
WHAT?


A THIN MAN walked up and challenged him...
It was right after he'd won the World Fighting Tournament.

YOU'RE NO MATCH IN SIZE OR WEIGHT.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
DON'T BOTHER.


BUT...

SHUT UP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!
THE BROTHER I KNOW WOULD HAVE NEVER DONE THAT!
FWIP
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE USING A MAGIC SHIELD TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

MY BROTHER'S BEEN A DIFFERENT PERSON SINCE... THAT DAY.

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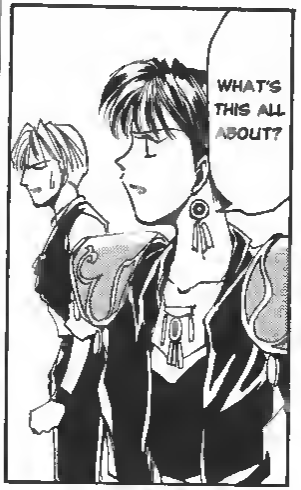
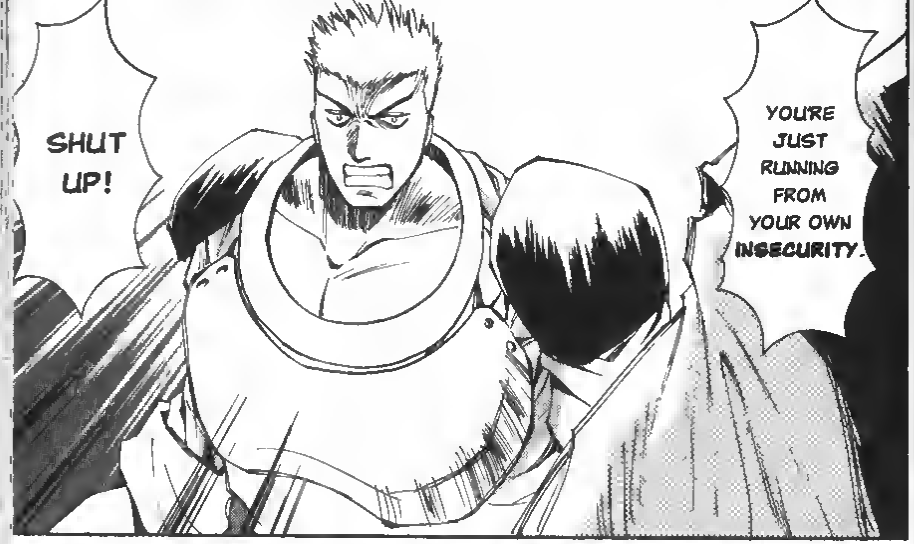

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?


SHUT UP!
YOU'RE JUST RUNNING FROM YOUR OWN INSECURITY.

MY MAGIC HAS MADE ME MUCH STRONGER!
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, TRY AND STOP ME.

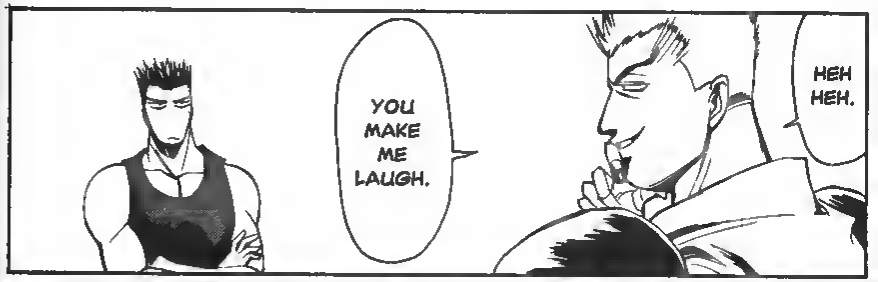
GO AHEAD- USE YOUR SORCERY TO CHARGE UP YOUR STRENGTH OR WHATEVER.
BUT I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY EXCUSES LATER.
SCOFF
WELL SAID.

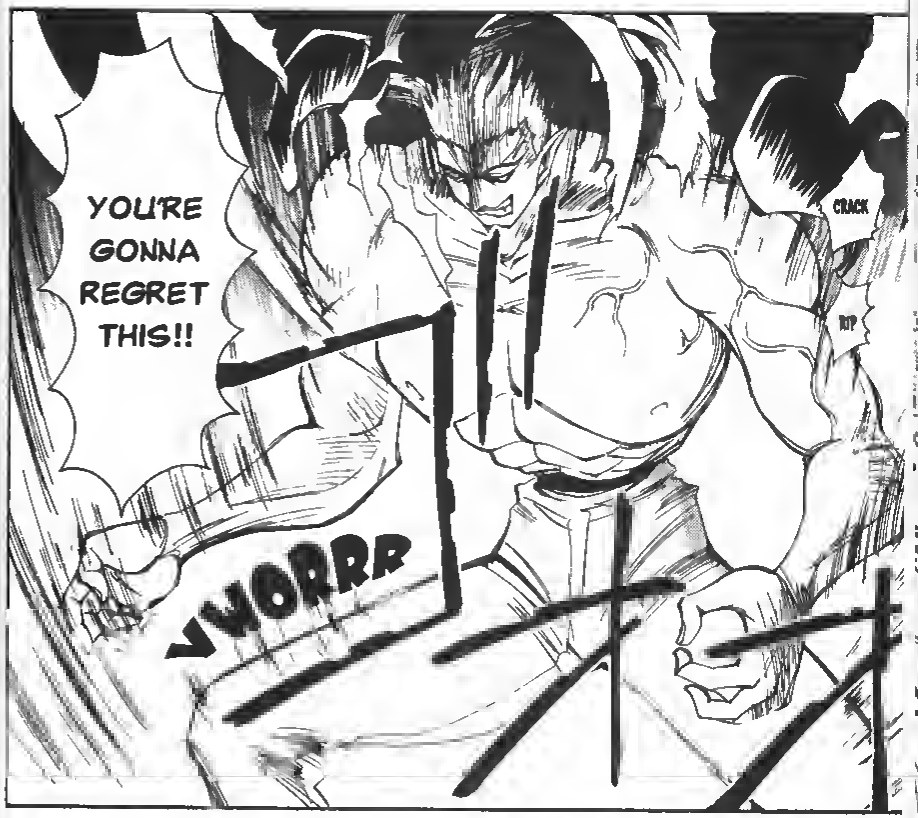
The man had used SORCERY to dramatically increase his strength and speed.

SORCERY IS BETTER THAN MARTIAL ARTS FOR STRENGTHENING OUR BODIES
SNEER
IN OTHER WORDS ...

BUT IN YOUR CASE, RANDALL, YOU'RE...
I'M NOT AGAINST THE IDEA OF COMBINING SORCERY WITH MARTIAL ARTS.

HYAAAAA!!
THWAP
DODGING EVERY SINGLE BLOW.
BUT JUNPEI IS...
HOW CAN HE BE SO FAST?!


HEH HEH.
YOU MAKE ME LAUGH.


YOU'RE GONNA REGRET THIS!!
CRACK
RIP
VWORRR

HE TRANS-FORMED!
GASP
WHAT?!

WHAT ?!
SHWIP
SLAM
YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE SPIRIT!
A...
AMAZING!!
DID YOU SEE THAT?! HE WENT FROM A MIDDLE KICK INTO A HIGH KICK!
FWOOP FWOOP
HRAAAR!!
FWORR
HE'S READING MY EVERY MOVE!
IT CAN'T BE.
WHY DON'T YOU GET CREATIVE?
THWP
COME ON.
HE'S GOING FOR A MIDDLE KICK!
FWOOSH
TO GET POWER AND SPEED...

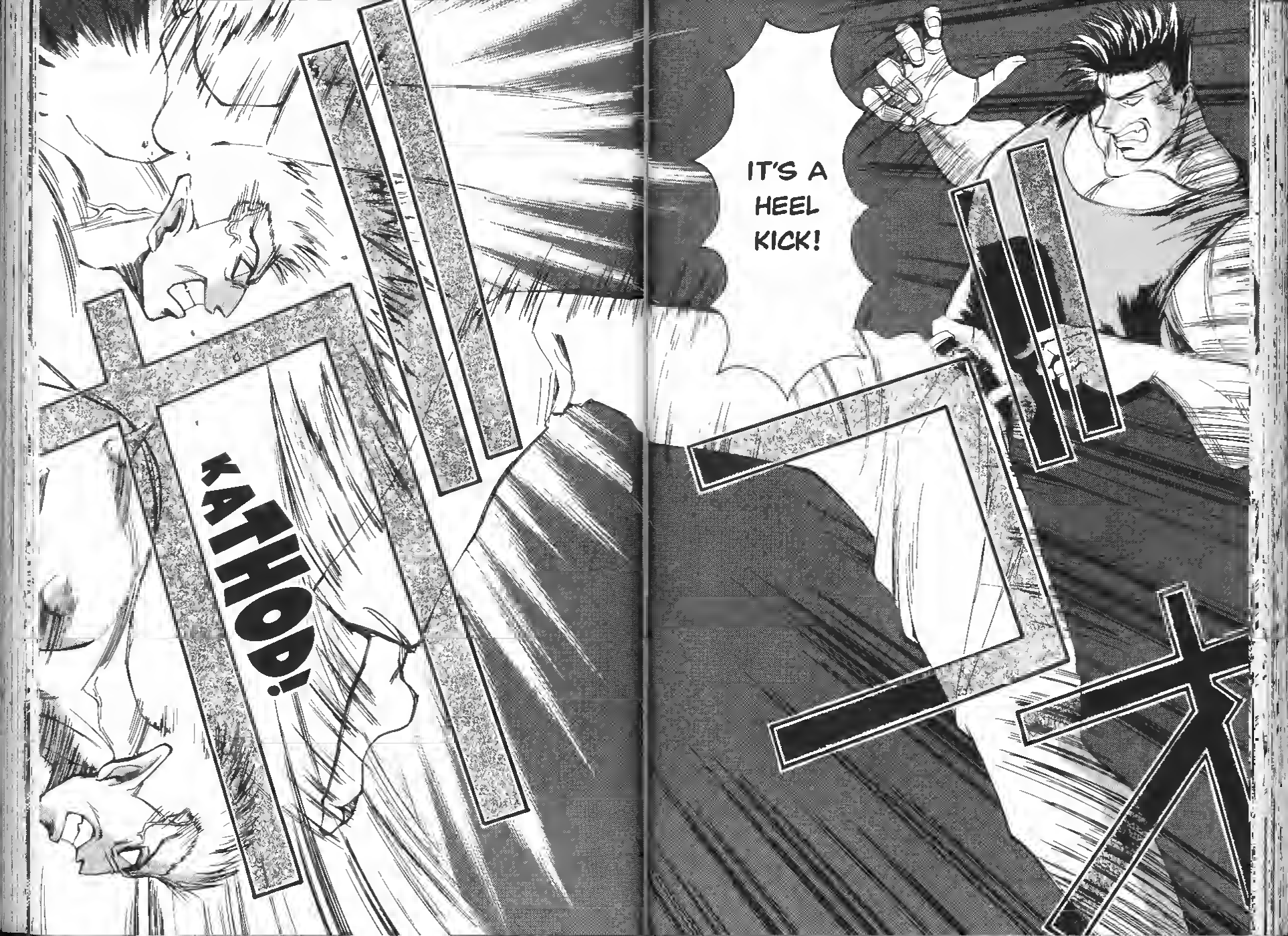
HE CHANGED HIS MIDDLE SIDEKICK INTO AN UPPER ROUNDHOUSE KICK!!
HE DID IT AGAIN!
LET'S SEE A KICK TO THE KNEES!
YOU ROCK, FAKE SORCERER!
THUD
ARGH!!
HE WAS SETTING HIM UP FOR HIS NEXT MOVE!
SHOOPF
HE WAS TARGETING ONLY HIS SIDE AT FIRST... TO GET RANDALL'S GUARD IN PLACE.

TOTTER
SHWOOP
IF YOU WERE A NORMAL HUMAN...
I'M SURE OF IT!!
HE'S AIMING FOR MY RIB-CAGE...
!!
THIS WOULD'VE KO'D YOU FOR THE THIRD TIME!
THWOP!

HE DODGED IT.
SHWOOP
A HIGH KICK...
FWSH
AAAH!!
NOW RANDALL DODGED IT!
HE SAW IT COMING!
GOTCHA!
!!
SNEER
VWOOSH

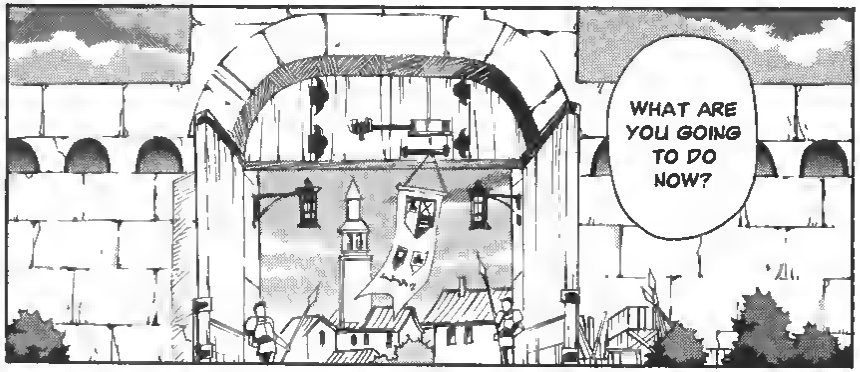
RANDALL! YOU CAN'T WIN!
TOTTER
HUFF
HUFF
OVER YET.
THIS AIN'T ...
I AM THE STRONGEST!
IT'S THE LOW KICK!!
THWOOSH

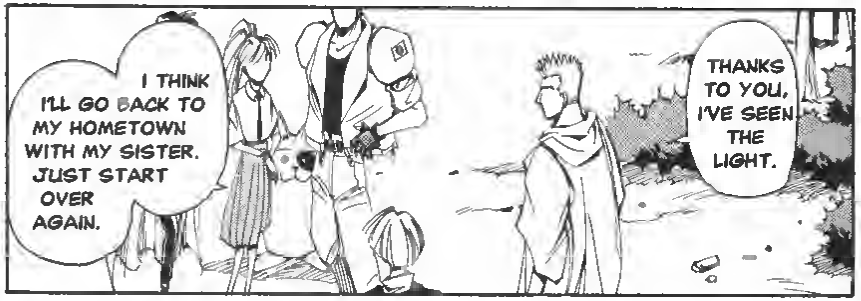
HIS KICK MISSED... BUT HE BROUGHT IT BACK!
WHAAAT?!
HIS LEG GOING UP LIKE THAT...
THWHACK
KERSLAM!
WHAT?

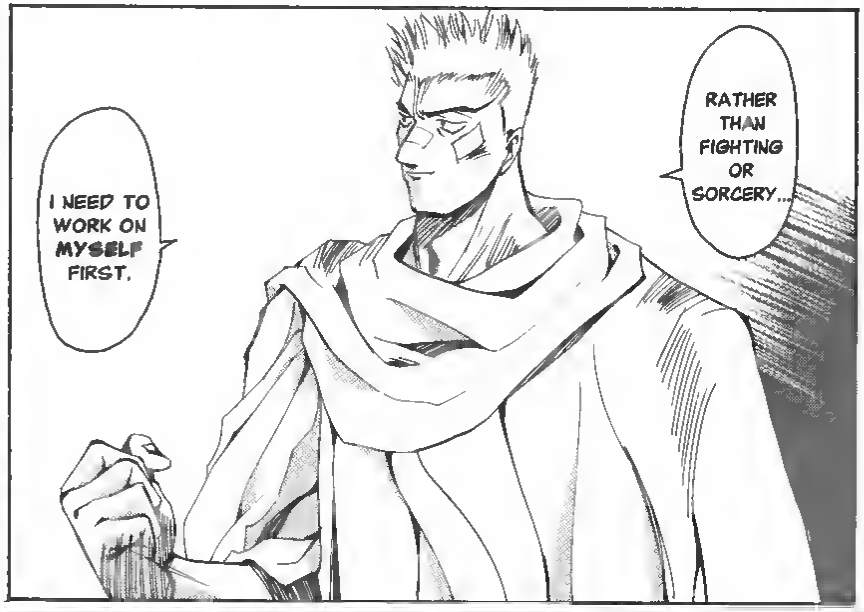

IT'S A HEEL KICK!
KATHOP!

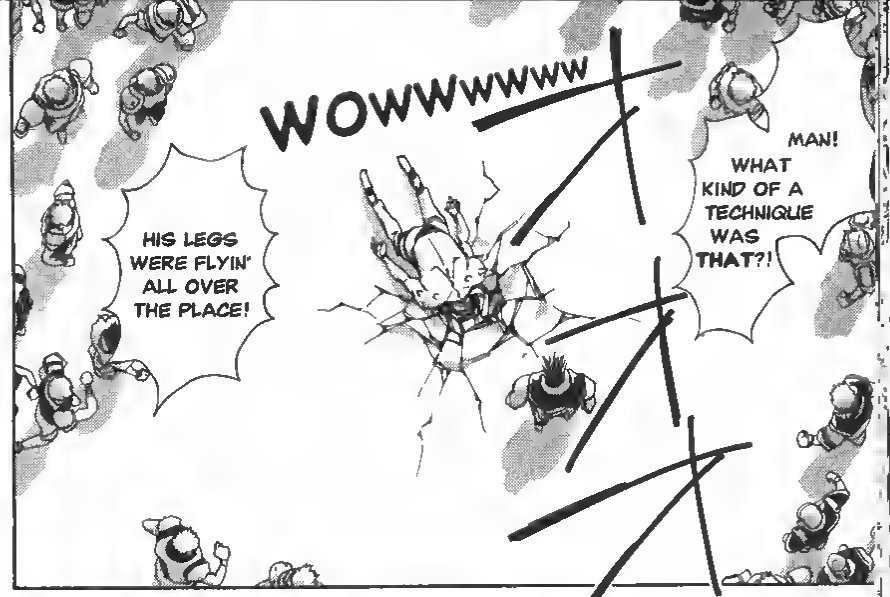
HE WON !!
WHOOOAAA!

CRACK!!
OH.
UH...

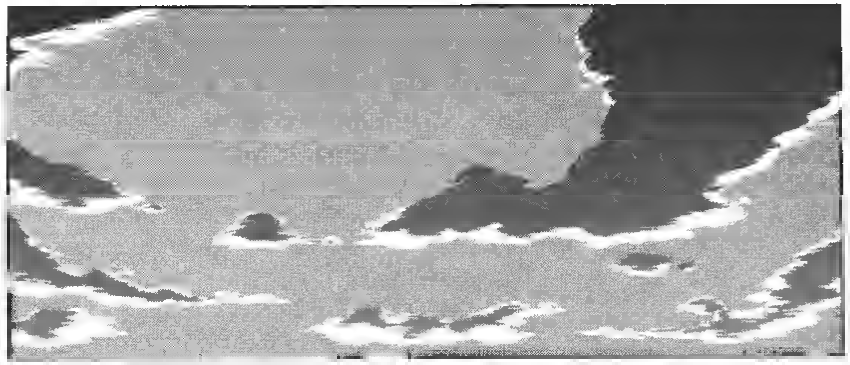

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?


I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO MY HOMETOWN WITH MY SISTER. JUST START OVER AGAIN.
THANKS TO YOU, I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT.


I NEED TO WORK ON MYSELF FIRST.
RATHER THAN FIGHTING OR SORCERY...


WOWWWWWW
HIS LEGS WERE FLYIN' ALL OVER THE PLACE!
MAN! WHAT KIND OF A TECHNIQUE WAS THAT?!

SOMEONE PULL HIM OUT!
RANDALL'S HEAD IS STUCK!
SCARY!



MURMUR
MURMUR
ME, TOO!
PLEASE, TEACH ME!
YOU'RE A WIZARD OF LEG TECHNIQUES!
SORRY WE CALLED YOU A FAKE!
ARGH! GET AWAY FROM ME!
ME, TOO!
MURMUR
MURMUR

INDEED. A GOOD DESCRIPTION.
A WIZARD... OF LEG TECHNIQUES?!
YAY!
YAY!
YAY!
ME?
A WIZARD?

LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LIGHT YET, HUH?
I'M GONNA TRAIN TO BE THE BEST SORCERER EVER!!
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

W... WHAT?!
JUNPEI THE MASTER SORCERER !!
SOONER OR LATER, EVERYONE WILL CALL ME...
YOU'LL SEE.

YOU ARE A WIZARD!
YAYYY!
うおお
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, MASTER JUNPEI!
STAMPEDE

I'LL PAY YOU BACK,
JUNPEI... BY BECOMING A STRONGER AND BETTER MAN!
SPIN, SPIN AND-
NO, NOT THAT!
FORGET IT!
turn

I THINK SO, TOO.
ニッコリ
smile

YEE-HAW
アアア
FWAP
VERY WELL!
FIRST, YOU SHALL LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS!
おおおおお
WHOAAA

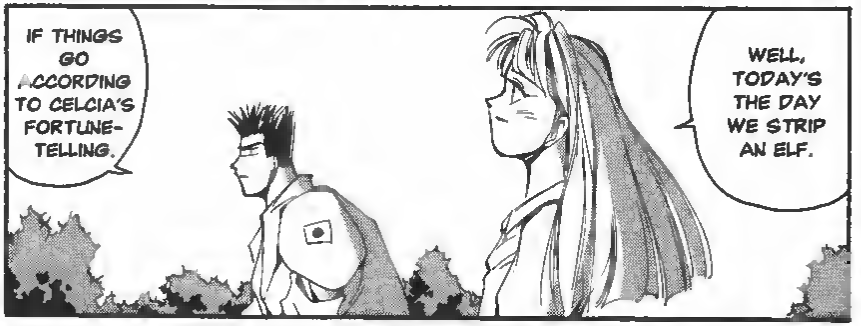
HIS FIRST MANGA WAS PUBLISHED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 21! HE STARTED THE SERIES "YAGAMI LAND" IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, AND THEN HE GOT TWO VOLUMES OF "ELVES" PUBLISHED AS GRAPHIC NOVELS! TO TOP IT OFF, HE GOT MARRIED AT 25! HE'S SUCKING THE HAPPINESS OUT OF LIFE, ALL FOR HIMSELF!!
TWITCH
TOO FAR?!
KaTUNK!
W... WHAT?
YOU MEAN MR. YAGAMI'S BEEN CONTROLLING MY MIND... AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT?!
ROARRR
YU YAGAMI IS DECEIVING YOU! HE'S ONLY PRETENDING TO BE A GOOD PERSON.
WHAT REALLY GETS ME MAD IS THAT HIS WIFE IS SUCH A BABE!
FAR TOO GOOD FOR A DOG LIKE HIM.

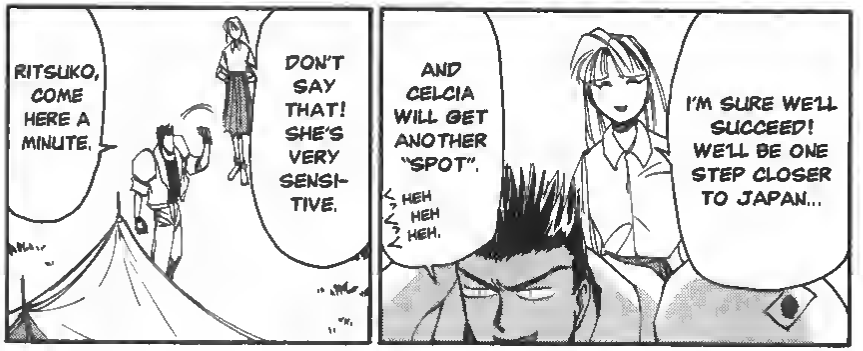
WE NEED THE INSIDE SCOOP. SOMETHING WITH PUNCH.
Mr. E. Oka, Book Editor
A coffee shop in Ochanomizu
THOSE WHO ILLUSTRATE ELVES
Going wild in Ochanomizu.
The Case of Nasaki Ohko.
HE'S TOO NICE OF A PERSON TO DRAW IN CARICATURE...
Mr. Ohko, Yu Yagami Staff
THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES staff meeting.
WE SAY IT, THEY'LL BELIEVE IT, I'M SERIOUS!
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YAGAMI HERE. HE'S JUST A HAIR REMOVED FROM SPOT.
THE READERS WILL JUST GO "OH," AND THEY'LL BELIEVE IT.
REMEMBER, THIS IS A MANGA. WE CAN THROW IN SOME LIES ABOUT HIM, TOO. IT'LL BE FINE.
DEFORM HIM! THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
UH, I THINK THAT'S GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR...
ROUGH HIM UP A BIT, AND THEN TOSS HIM OUT WITH THE REST OF THE GARBAGE!
AND WHILE YOU'RE WALKING, THROW IN A KICK OR TWO.
IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL MANGA AUTHOR, YOU'VE GOTTA LEARN TO WALK OVER A PUNK LIKE YAGAMI.

IT'S HIM! HE IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL!
YU YAGAMI !!
HOW DARE YOU PRETEND TO BE A GOOD PERSON, YOU BASTARD!
YOU VILLAIN!
HERETIC!
I'M 36 YEARS OLD AND I'M STILL SINGLE!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
UM...
WHAT ARE YOU ALL TALKING ABOUT?
HERE'S THE REAL SCOOP!
A "SCOOP," HE SAID
UM, WHAT'S GOING ON?
STILL PLAYING INNOCENT, HUH?!
END
September, 1995
N. Ohio

THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW FAR YOU CAN GO WITH "EXAGGERATION"! BY YAGAMI

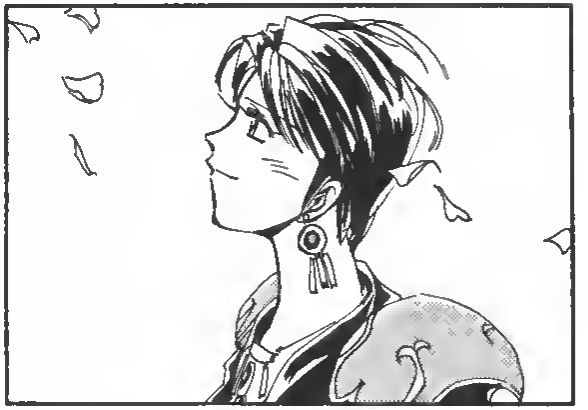
DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU THAT AT SCHOOL?
THAT'S YAGAMI'S FAULT!
SO LIKE, MY BOYFRIEND HAS BEEN ALL DISTANT AND STUFF RECENTLY...
CULT ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE RISE...
YAGAMI'S FAVORITE BAND IS THE BLUE OYSTER CULT!
ピーン TWITCH
THE BUSINESS CLIMATE ISN'T VERY GOOD, IS IT BOSS?
YOU KIDDING? YAGAMI WORKS BEST IN THIS KIND OF WEATHER.
I HAVEN'T TAKEN A DUMP IN FOUR DAYS!
MY WIFE LEFT ME!
EVERYTHING
全部
I CAN'T FIND A JOB!
I GAINED 15 POUNDS!
矢上裕が悪いんだーっ!!
IS YU-YAGAMI'S FAULT!!
HOWDY!
Yu Yagami. Manga Author
カチャ
CLACK




RITSUKO, COME HERE A MINUTE.
DON'T SAY THAT! SHE'S VERY SENSI-TIVE.
AND CELCIA WILL GET ANOTHER "SPOT".
HEH HEH HEH.
I'M SURE WE'LL SUCCEED! WE'LL BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO JAPAN...

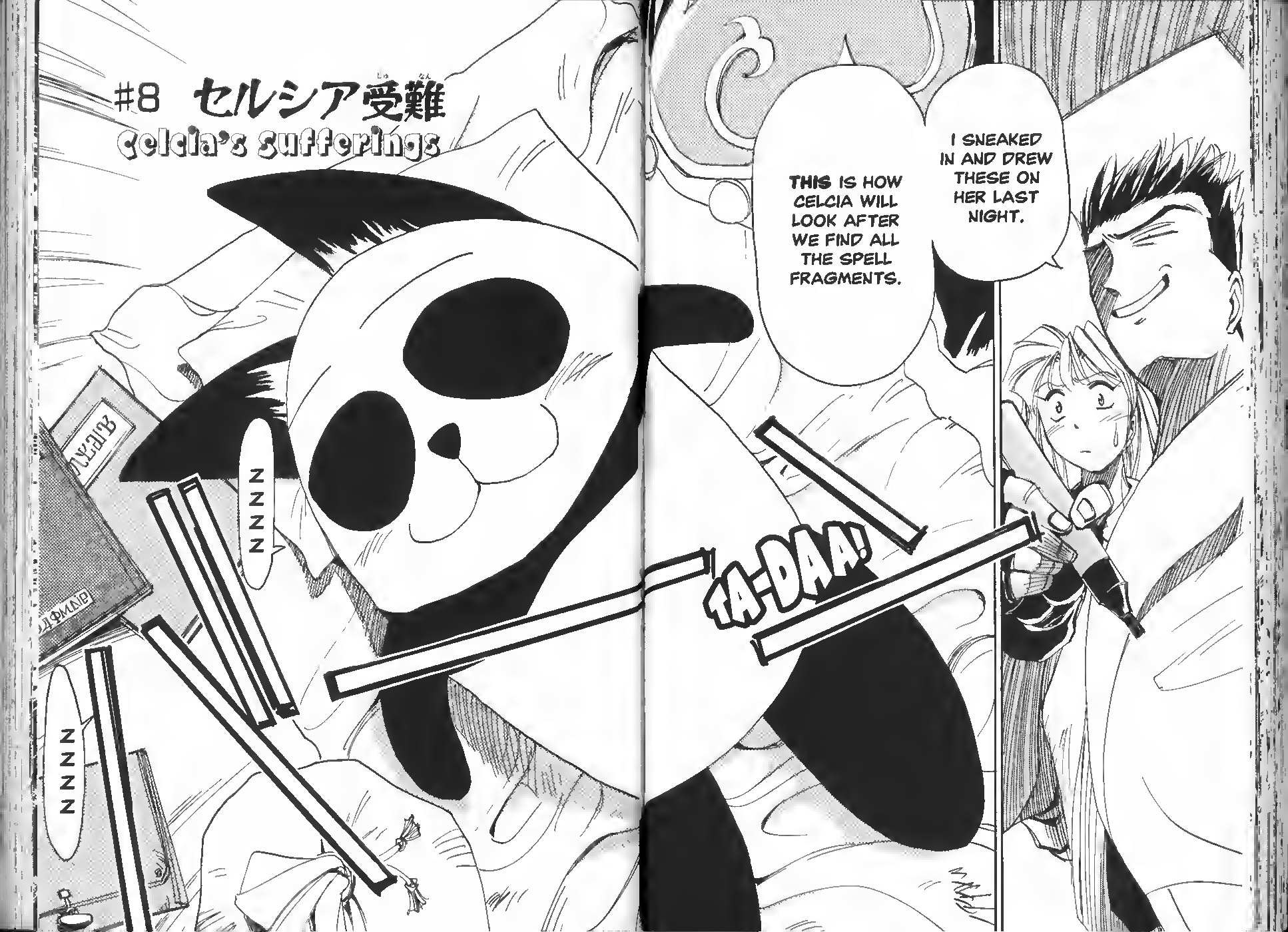
Character Profile (2)

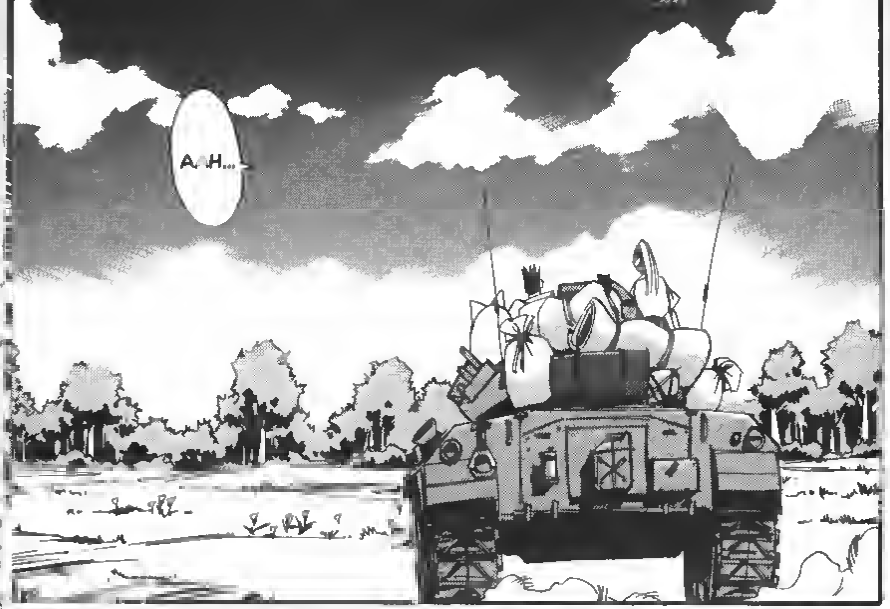
Airi Komiyama



Age: 24
Blood Type: AB
Sign: Gemini
Personality: Calm and composed

After finishing acting school in the U.S., she immediately started working in Hollywood. Two years later, Airi won the Oscar for Best Leading Actress. Not much is known about her childhood in Japan. She likes taking walks and has a large collection of exotic teas. Airi's favorite thing to do is to relax at luxury hotels.


#8 セルシア受難
Celcia's sufferings
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
CELCIA
I SNEAKED IN AND DREW THESE ON HER LAST NIGHT.
THIS IS HOW CELCIA WILL LOOK AFTER WE FIND ALL THE SPELL FRAGMENTS.
TA-DAA!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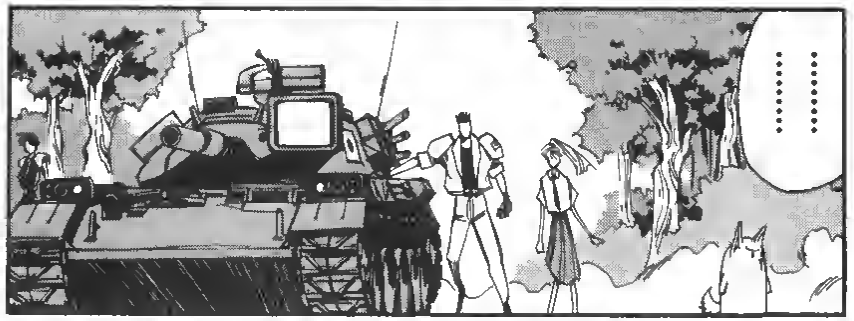
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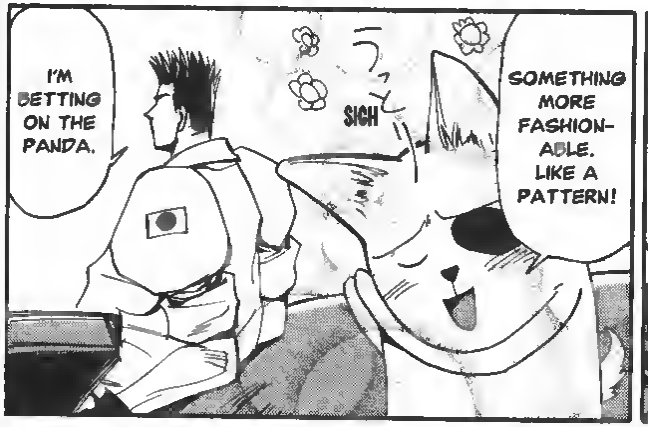
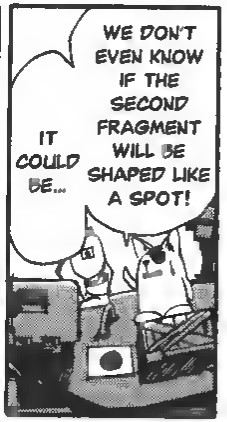
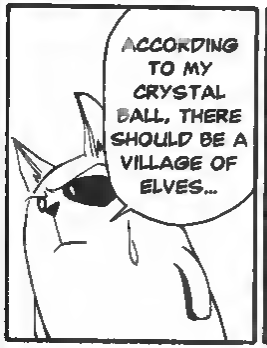
UH-OH!
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY ELVES.
WELL, THIS FIELD DOESN'T LOOK VERY NATURAL...

PANDAS ARE REALLY POPULAR IN JAPAN.
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
rumble rumble
THAT WASN'T FUNNY AT ALL!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!


I'M BETTING ON THE PANDA.
SIGH
SOMETHING MORE FASHION-ABLE. LIKE A PATTERN!

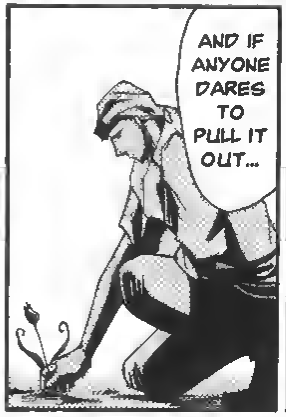

IT COULD BE...
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE SECOND FRAGMENT WILL BE SHAPED LIKE A SPOT!

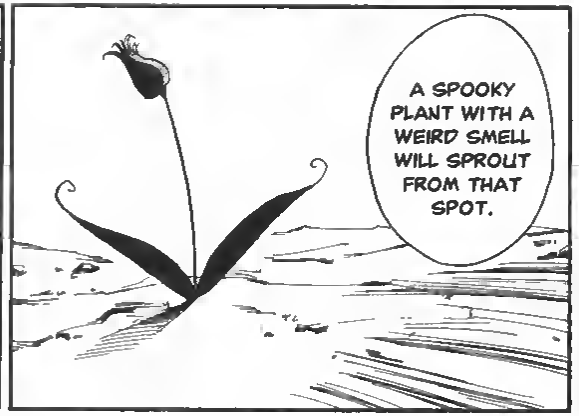

ACCORDING TO MY CRYSTAL BALL, THERE SHOULD BE A VILLAGE OF ELVES...

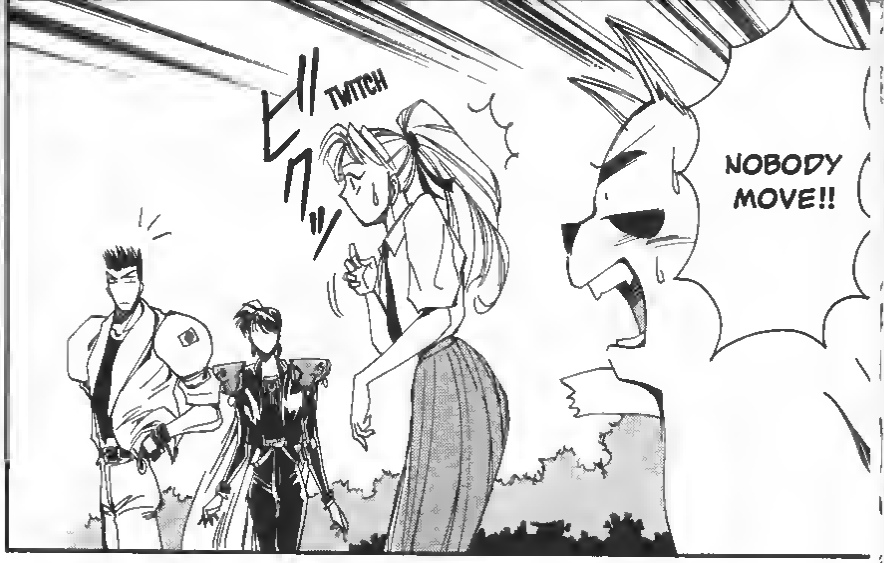
LOOK, WE'RE LEAVING THE FOREST.

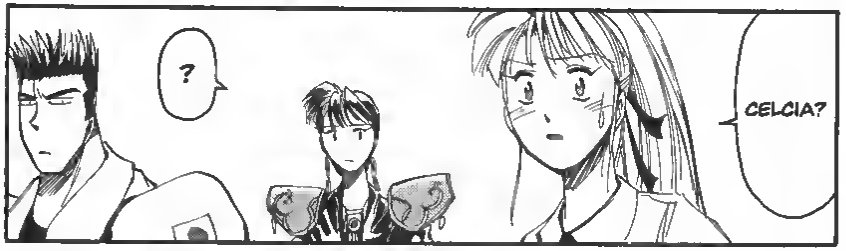
THE MANDRAKE!
THEY'RE THE LEGENDARY OCCULT PLANT...

WHEN AN INNOCENT MAN IS HANGED AND HIS TEARS FALL TO THE GROUND, THAT SAME NIGHT...


AND IF ANYONE DARES TO PULL IT OUT...


A SPOOKY PLANT WITH A WEIRD SMELL WILL SPROUT FROM THAT SPOT.


TWITCH
NOBODY MOVE!!

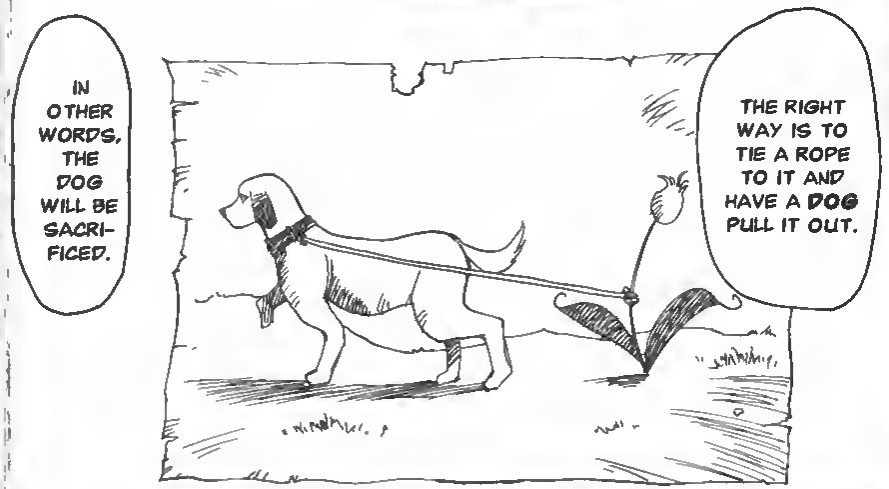

?
CELCIA?

THEY'RE ALL OVER THE FIELD.
THESE? WHAT ABOUT THEM?

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT THESE FLOWERS ACTUALLY EXISTED.

AARRGGHHH!

THE LEGEND ALSO SAYS HOW TO PULL OUT THE MANDRAKE.
LISTEN TO ME! I'M NOT FINISHED!
MEOW.
FINE. WE'LL GET MIKE TO PULL IT OUT.


IN OTHER WORDS, THE DOG WILL BE SACRIFICED.
THE RIGHT WAY IS TO TIE A ROPE TO IT AND HAVE A DOG PULL IT OUT.

BUT YOU KNOW ...
.....
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!
WELL, NOW IT REALLY SOUNDS LIKE YOUR JOB, CELCIA!
YEAH...
WHY DON'T WE GO BACK TO TOWN FOR NOW? IF THERE ARE NO ELVES, THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO STAY.

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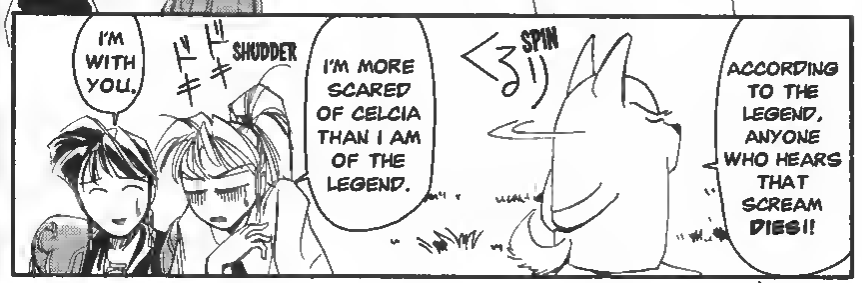
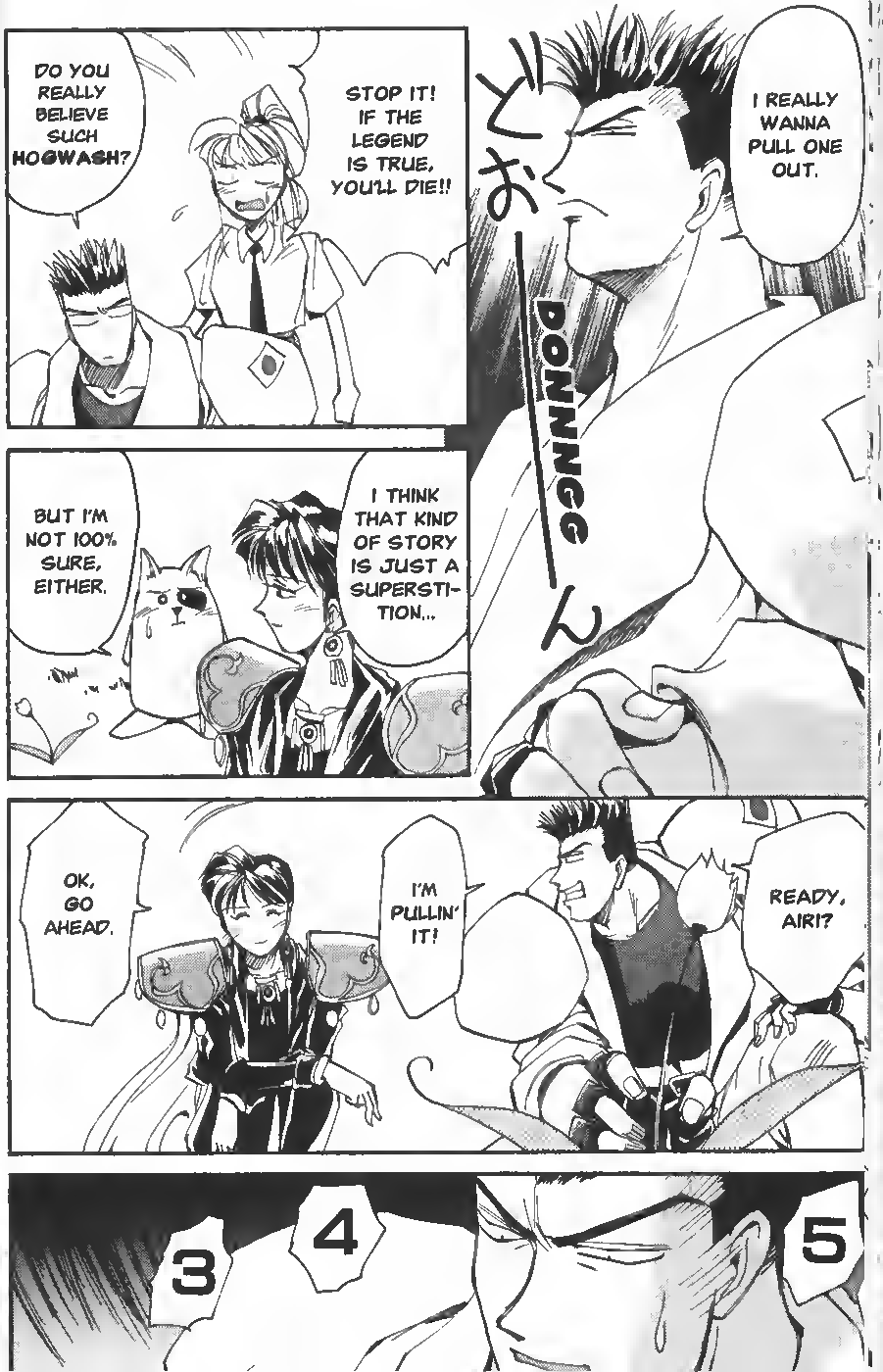

I'M WITH YOU.
SHUDDER
I'M MORE SCARED OF CELCIA THAN I AM OF THE LEGEND.
SPIN
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, ANYONE WHO HEARS THAT SCREAM DIES!!

WHY ME ?!
OK. PULL IT OUT, CELCIA!!
THE THREE OF US WILL COVER OUR EARS...
WELL THEN! WE PULL ONE OUT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!!

GRAB
2
!!
OH, NO REASON.
HUH? WHY ARE YOU ALL STANDING SO FAR AWAY?!
THUMP
GRAB
IF YOU WANT TO, GO AHEAD AND...
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN COUNT ON IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS IS...THE BRAVERY OF A REAL MAN!
THUMP
THUK
SCREAM!!


DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE SUCH HOGWASH?
STOP IT! IF THE LEGEND IS TRUE, YOU'LL DIE!!
I REALLY WANNA PULL ONE OUT.
DONNNGG
BUT I'M NOT 100% SURE, EITHER.
I THINK THAT KIND OF STORY IS JUST A SUPERSTITION...
OK, GO AHEAD.
I'M PULLIN' IT!
READY, AIRI?
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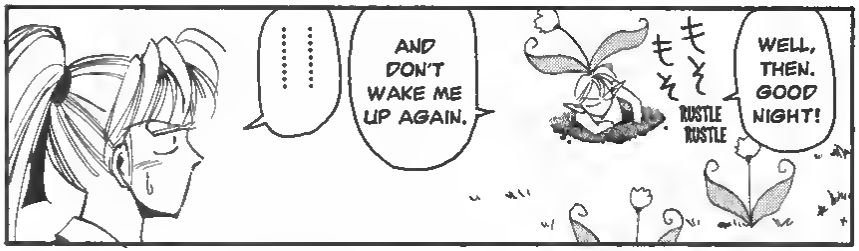
NOOOO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU PERVERT?!
SLAP

!!
A MANDRAKE!
BUT LOOK AT ITS EARS!
AN ELF ?!
HUH?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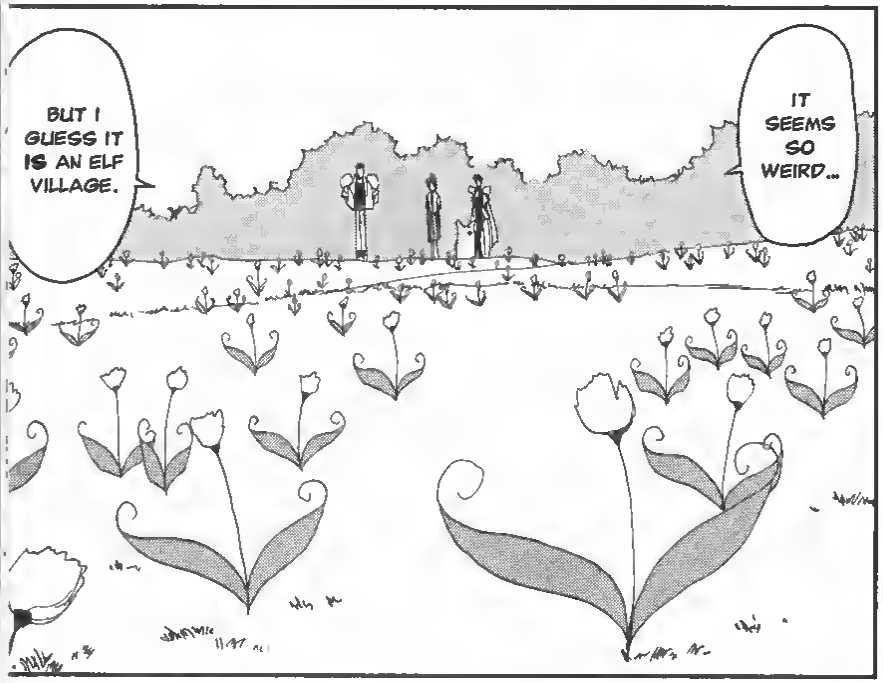
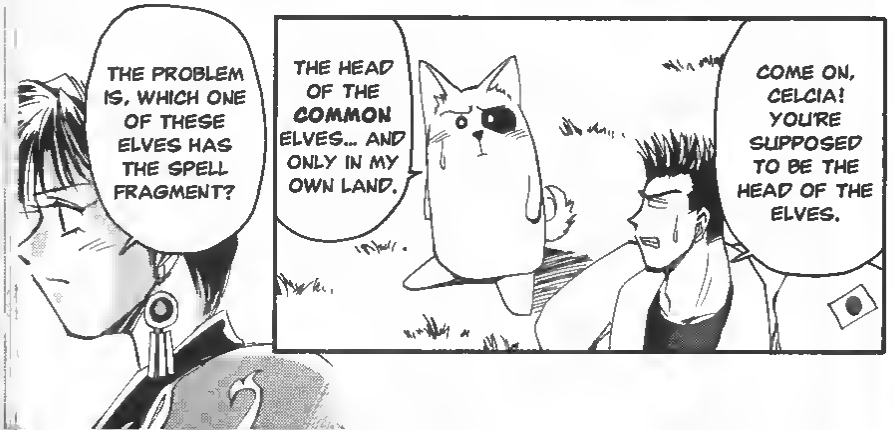
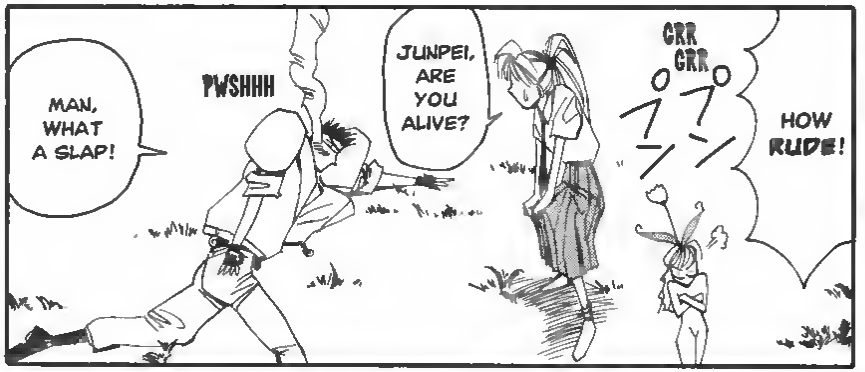
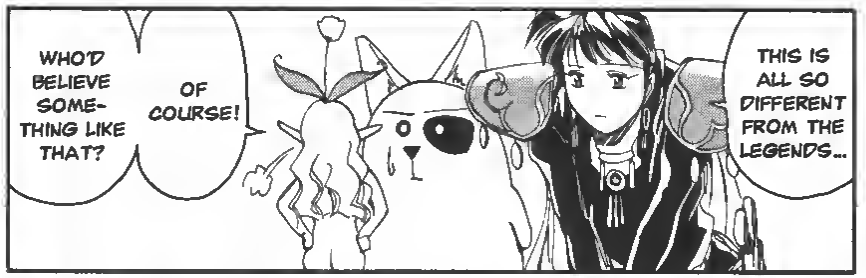
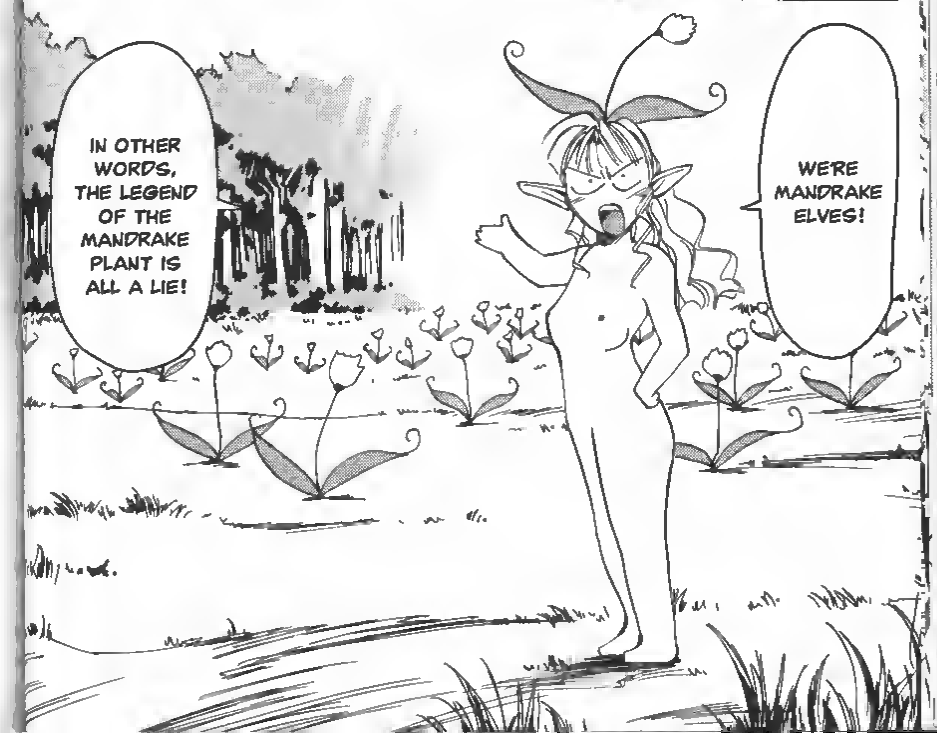
AND DON'T WAKE ME UP AGAIN.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WELL, THEN. GOOD NIGHT!


BUT I GUESS IT IS AN ELF VILLAGE.
IT SEEMS SO WEIRD...

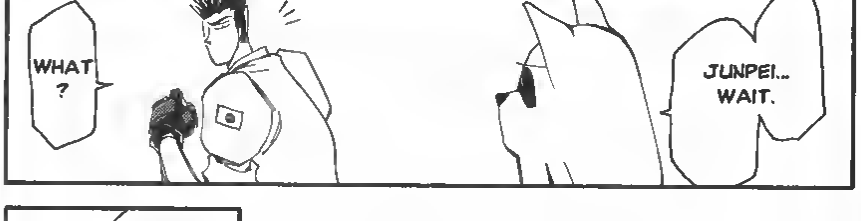

THE PROBLEM IS, WHICH ONE OF THESE ELVES HAS THE SPELL FRAGMENT?
THE HEAD OF THE COMMON ELVES... AND ONLY IN MY OWN LAND.
COME ON, CELCIA! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE ELVES.

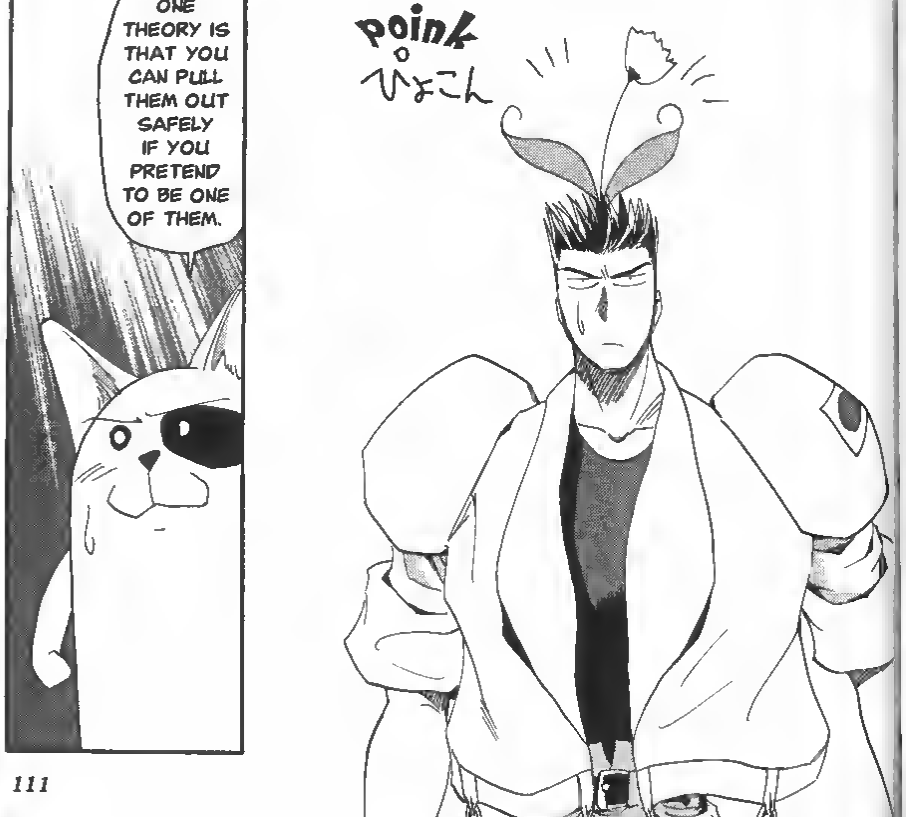

MAN, WHAT A SLAP!
PWSHHH
JUNPEI, ARE YOU ALIVE?
CRR CRR
HOW RUDE!


WHO'D BELIEVE SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
OF COURSE!
THIS IS ALL SO DIFFERENT FROM THE LEGENDS...


IN OTHER WORDS, THE LEGEND OF THE MANDRAKE PLANT IS ALL A LIE!
WE'RE MANDRAKE ELVES!

ME TOO.
JUNPEI SCARES ME.
TOTTER
CRACK CRACK
OH YEAH? YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME? COME ON!
GRRRR


WHAT?
JUNPEI... WAIT.


ONE THEORY IS THAT YOU CAN PULL THEM OUT SAFELY IF YOU PRETEND TO BE ONE OF THEM.
POINT
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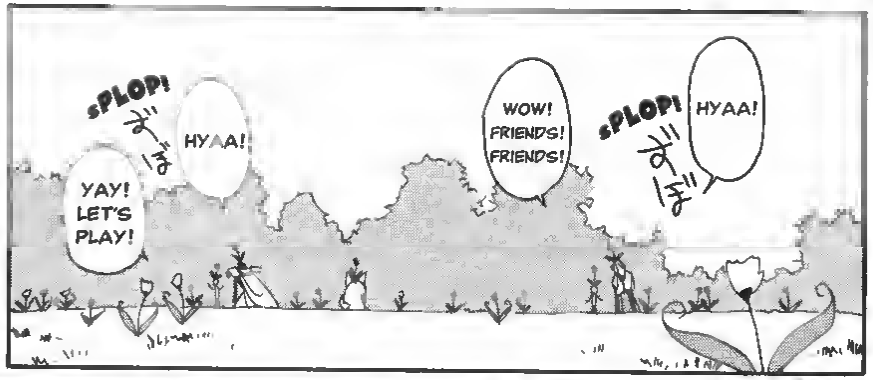
I GUESS NOT...
NOW THAT WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, YOU'RE NOT SCARED, ARE YOU?

BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM...
PULL
GUESS ALL WE CAN DO IS PULL OUT WHATEVER WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON.

KERSLAM!
PERVERT!
BAM!
DIRTY OLD MAN!
BABASH!
LECHEROUS FREAK !!


sPLOP!
HYAA!
YAY! LET'S PLAY!
WOW! FRIENDS! FRIENDS!
sPLOP!
HYAA!

WHEE
YAY! YAY!
I'M EXHAUSTED!
YAY! YAY!
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SIGH...

LOOK! THERE'S ONE MORE OVER HERE!

I THINK WE'VE PULLED ALL OF THEM OUT.
YM!
WHEE
YAY!
YAY!
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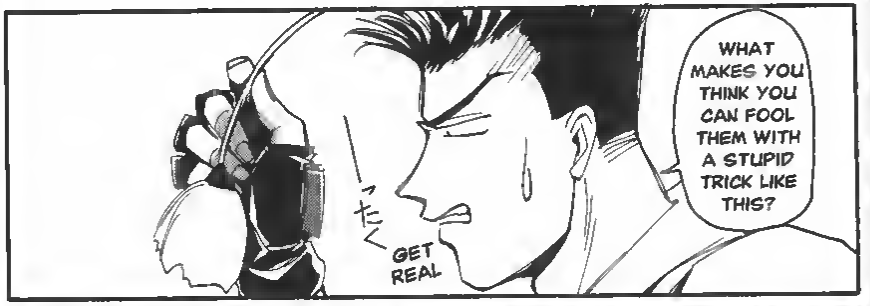
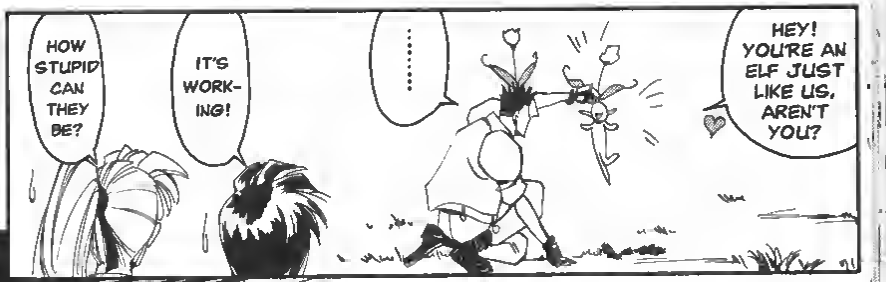
SO FAR I DON'T SEE ANY ELF WITH A SPELL FRAGMENT.


WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL THEM WITH A STUPID TRICK LIKE THIS?
GET REAL


HOW STUPID CAN THEY BE?
IT'S WORK-ING!
.....
HEY! YOU'RE AN ELF JUST LIKE US, AREN'T YOU?

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO INSPECT THEM ONE BY ONE.
AT THIS RATE...
TWIP

NOOO!!
GRRARH!
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HNGRRR!!
SHE WON'T COME OUT BECAUSE SHE'S EMBARRASSED.
Twitch
SHE HAS A STRANGE MARK TATTOOED ON HER BACK.
YEP!
HMPH!
SHE'S A TOUGH ONE!
DAMN...
OKAY!
IT'S MIKE'S TURN!
RITSUKO!
RRRRUMBLE
キュラキュラキュラキュラ
MEOW

BEHOLD
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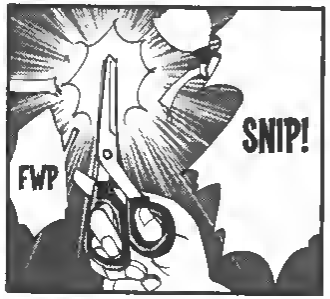
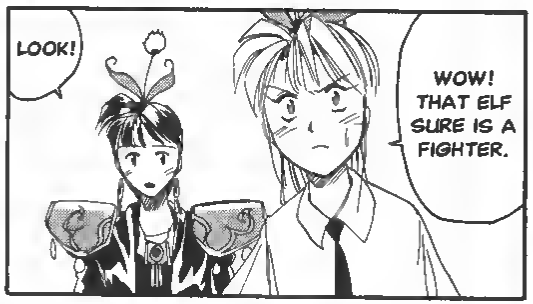
NO!
I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO BE SEEN!
SHE'S IN A ROCK?
HOW ARE WE GONNA PULL HER OUT?
CAN YOU TRY, JUNPEI?

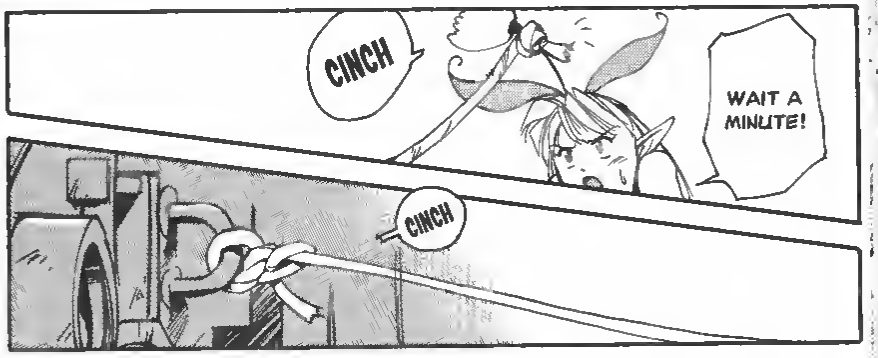
CRKKKK
ARGH!
HNRGH!

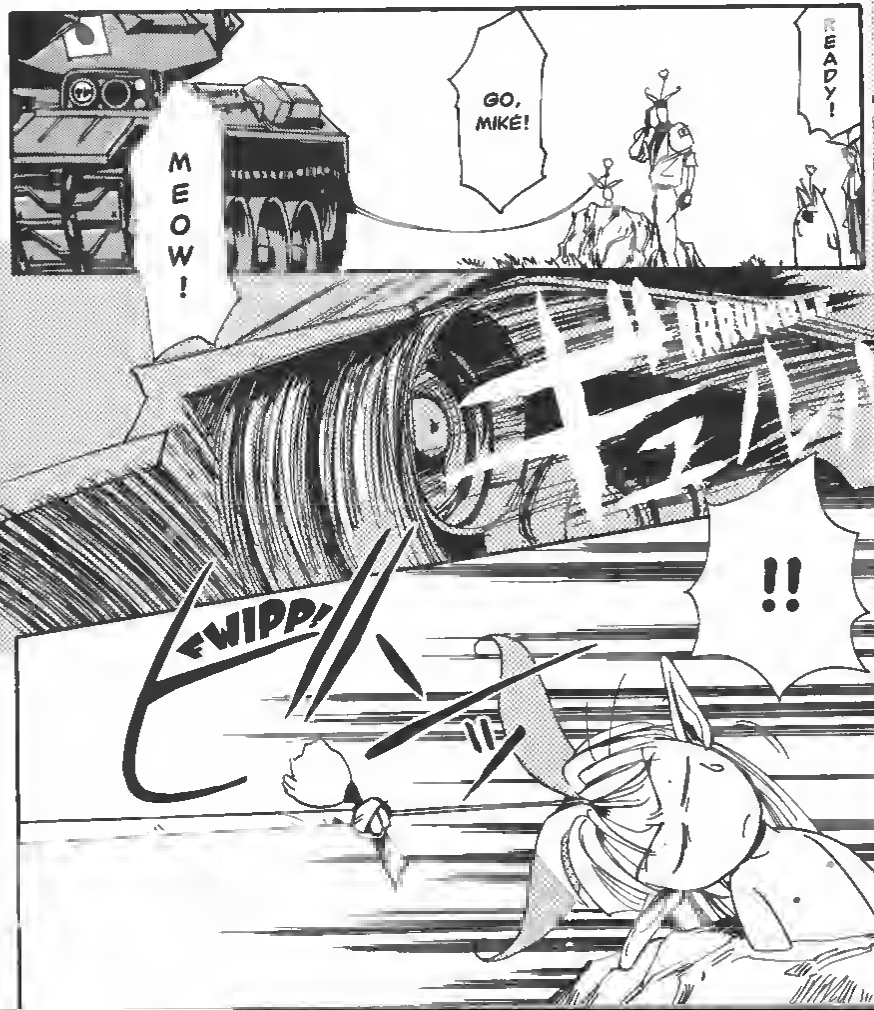

FWP
SNIP!

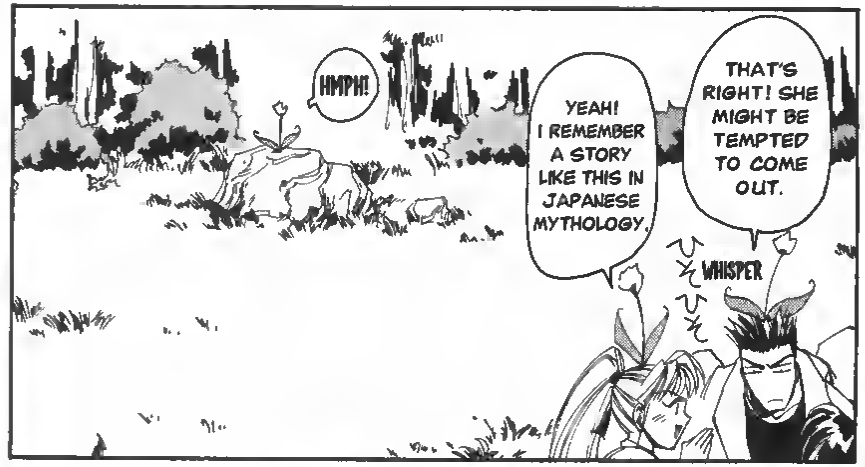

LOOK!
WOW! THAT ELF SURE IS A FIGHTER.

MEOOOW!
KA-KANG!

THIS IS MY HOME, AND I KNOW HOW TO DEFEND MYSELF!
SNIP
HMPH! DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE ME!
A PAIR OF SCIS-SORS...


CINCH
WAIT A MINUTE!
CINCH


MEOW!
GO, MIKE!
READY!
!!
FWIPP!

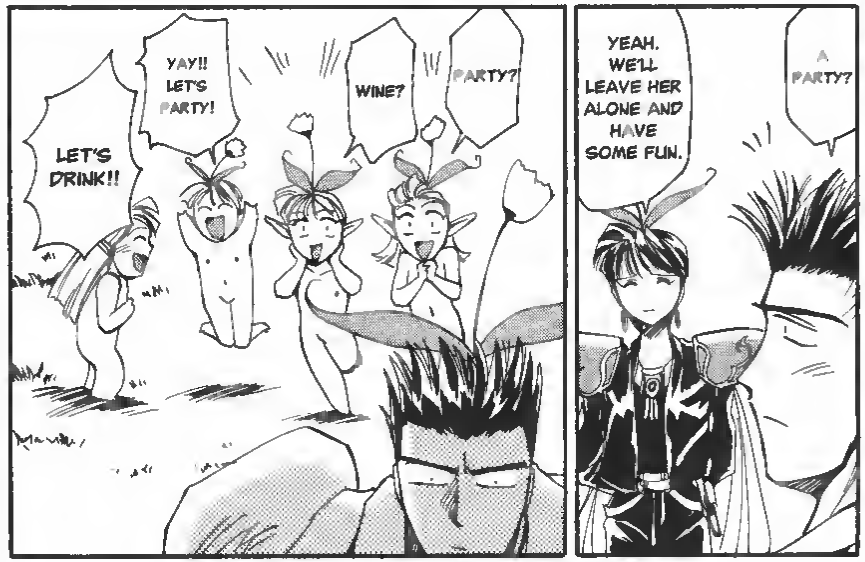

HMPH!
YEAH! I REMEMBER A STORY LIKE THIS IN JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY.
THAT'S RIGHT! SHE MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO COME OUT.
WHISPER

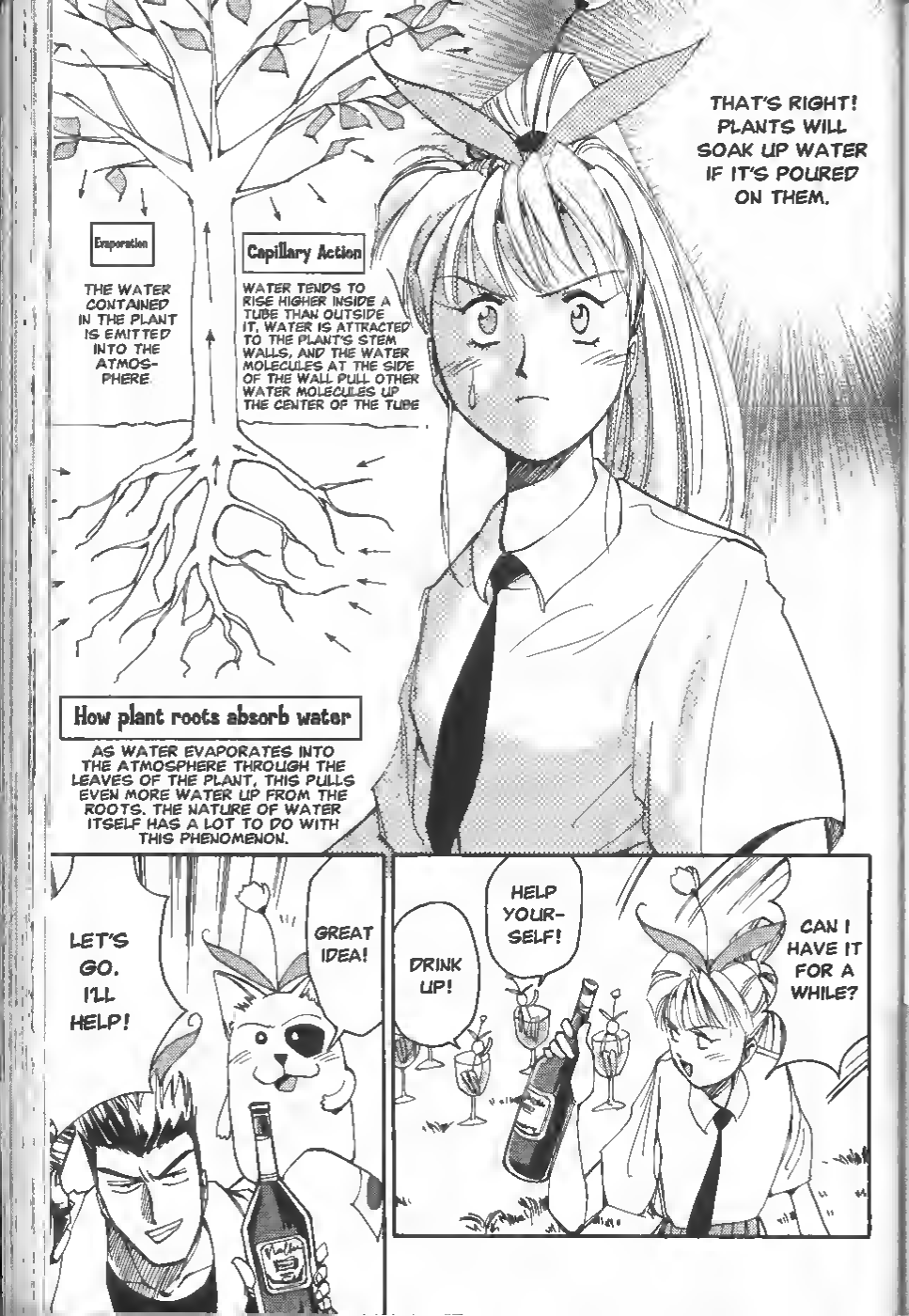
ALL RIGHT! LET'S PARTY!
IT'S THE LAST RESORT.

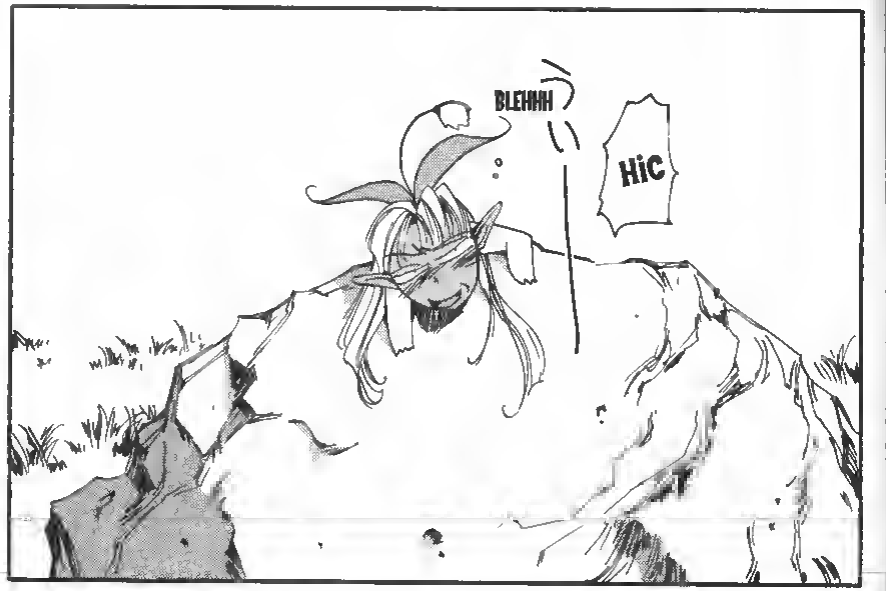
.....
OH MY!
HUH?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

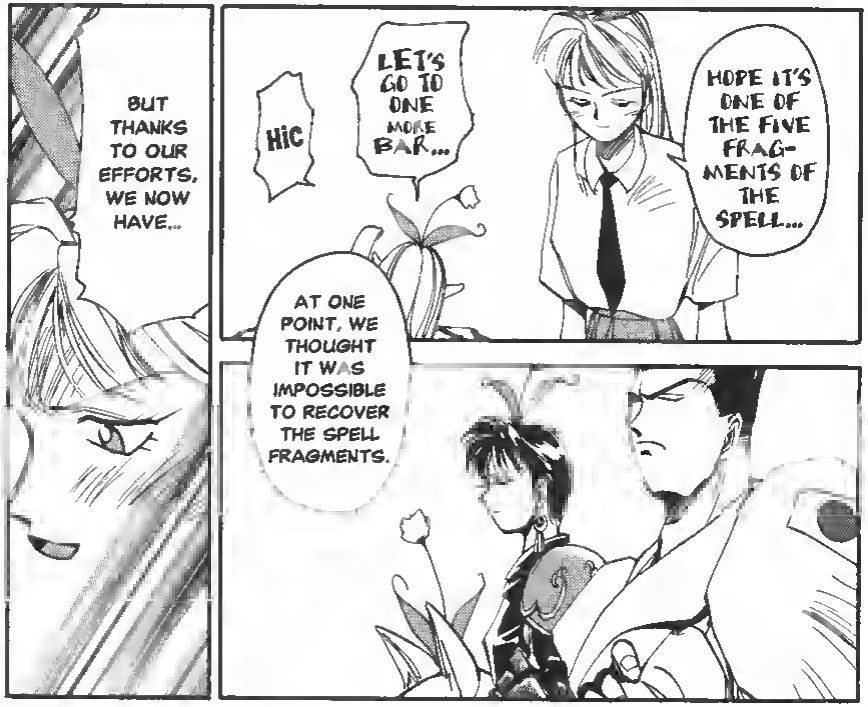
IT'D BE TOO DANGER-OUS TO HAVE MIKE SHOOT HER OUT...
THAT LITTLE RUNT ISN'T AS WIMPY AS SHE LOOKS.
THERE GOES OUR DISGUISE.
YOU MADE US THINK YOU WERE FRIENDS, BUT YOU TRICKED US. THOSE FLOWERS ARE FAKE!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

HOW ABOUT A PARTY?!
I HAVE AN IDEA!


LET'S DRINK!!
YAY!! LET'S PARTY!
WINE?
PARTY?
YEAH. WE'LL LEAVE HER ALONE AND HAVE SOME FUN.
A PARTY?


THAT'S RIGHT! PLANTS WILL SOAK UP WATER IF IT'S POURED ON THEM.
Evaporation
THE WATER CONTAINED IN THE PLANT IS EMITTED INTO THE ATMOS-PHERE
Capillary Action
WATER TENDS TO RISE HIGHER INSIDE A TUBE THAN OUTSIDE IT. WATER IS ATTRACTED TO THE PLANT'S STEM WALLS, AND THE WATER MOLECULES AT THE SIDE OF THE WALL PULL OTHER WATER MOLECULES UP THE CENTER OF THE TUBE
How plant roots absorb water
AS WATER EVAPORATES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE THROUGH THE LEAVES OF THE PLANT, THIS PULLS EVEN MORE WATER UP FROM THE ROOTS. THE NATURE OF WATER ITSELF HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THIS PHENOMENON.
LET'S GO. I'LL HELP!
GREAT IDEA!
DRINK UP!
HELP YOUR-SELF!
CAN I HAVE IT FOR A WHILE?
HMMM
うっとり
ちゃぽ
SPLASH
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY!
DELICIOUS! THIS WINE HAS SUCH A VELVETY TEXTURE.
STRANGE. THEY ACT LIKE PLANTS, DON'T THEY?
IS THAT HOW THEY DRINK?
PLANTS !!


BLEHHH
HIC

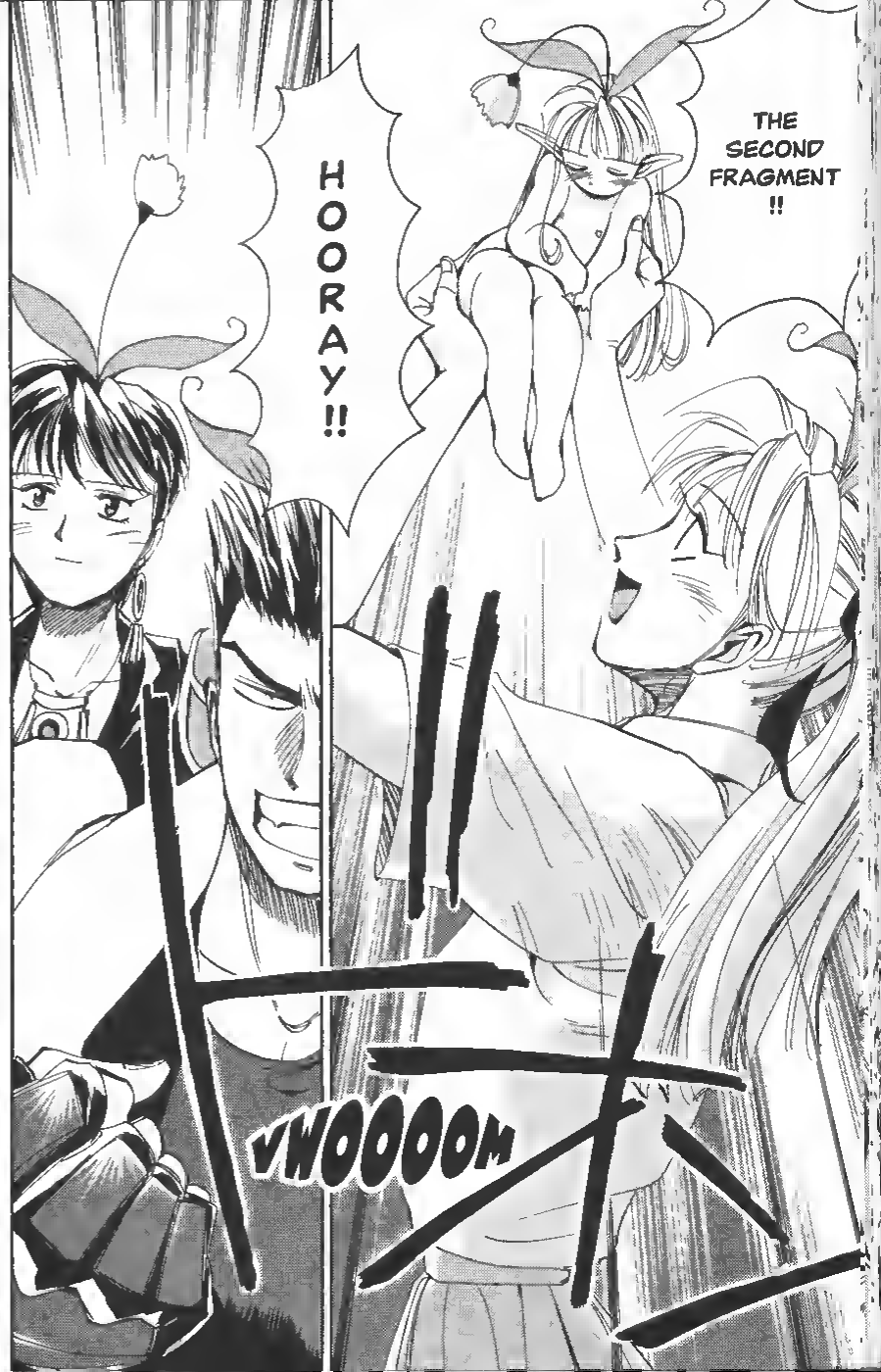

BUT THANKS TO OUR EFFORTS, WE NOW HAVE...
HIC
LET'S GO TO ONE MORE BAR...
HOPE IT'S ONE OF THE FIVE FRAG-MENTS OF THE SPELL...
AT ONE POINT, WE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECOVER THE SPELL FRAGMENTS.

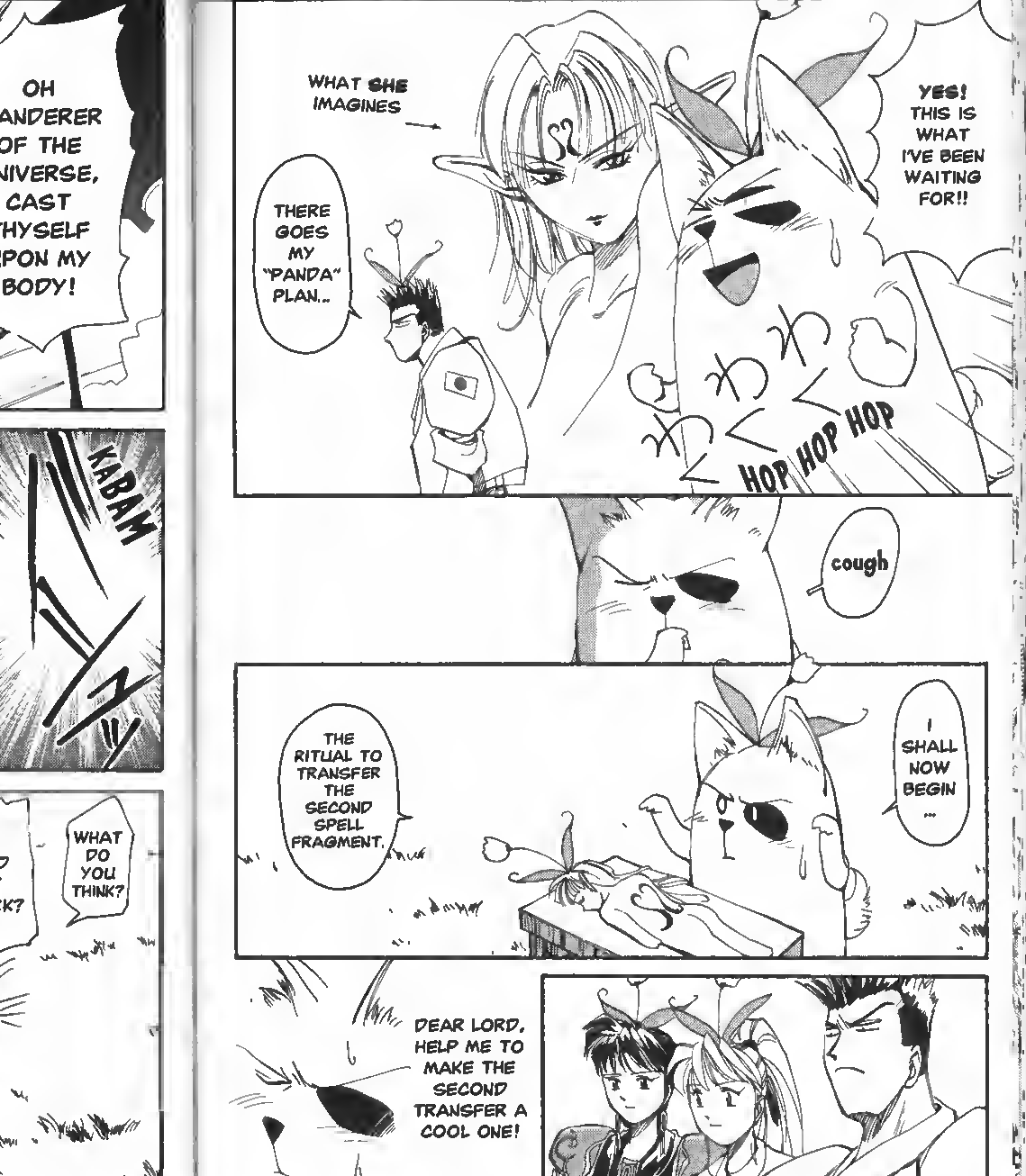
DON'T HOLD BACK, BABY!!
SPLOSH
SPLASH
SPLOSH
COME ON! DRINK UP!
WAIT!
AH!

NOOO!!

NO! NO WINE!
AAUGH !!
NOOO!
SLOOOOSH

BLEHHH
Hic
W... WHAT'RE YOU LOOKIN' AT?
Hic
THE FRAGMENT OF THE SPELL ISN'T A SPOT THIS TIME.
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF LETTERING.
ZZZZ


THE SECOND FRAGMENT !!
HOORAY !!
VWOOOOM


WHAT SHE IMAGINES
YES! THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!
THERE GOES MY "PANDA" PLAN..
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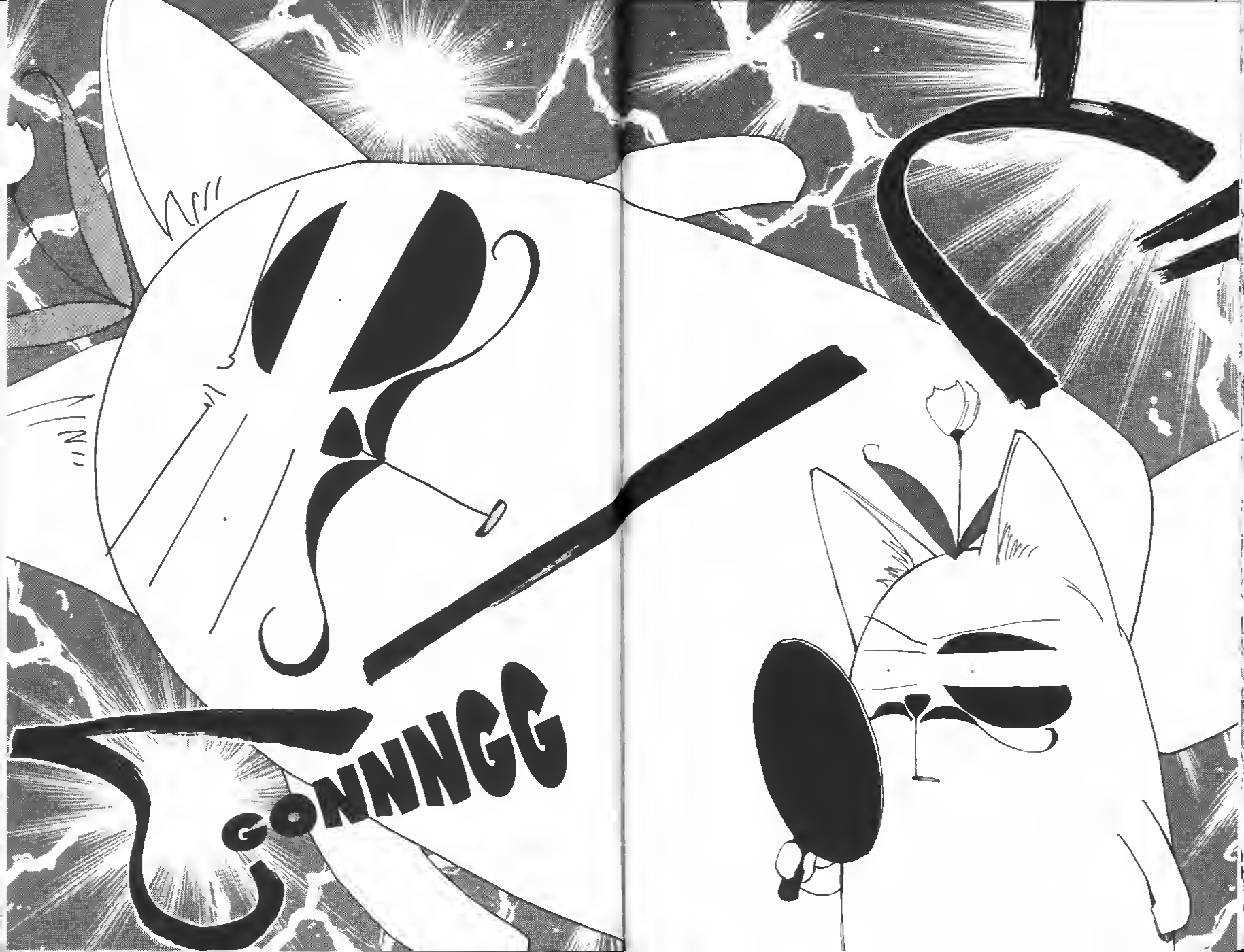
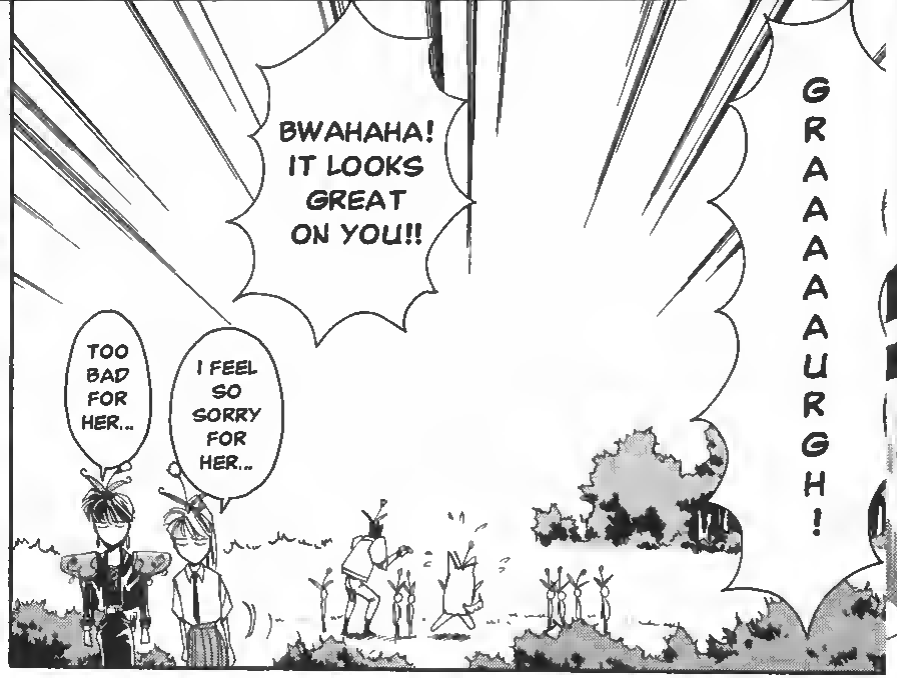
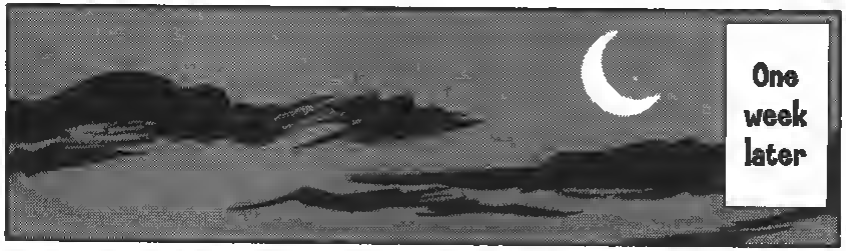
わくわく HOP HOP HOP
cough
THE RITUAL TO TRANSFER THE SECOND SPELL FRAGMENT.
I SHALL NOW BEGIN ...
DEAR LORD, HELP ME TO MAKE THE SECOND TRANSFER A COOL ONE!

OH WANDERER OF THE UNIVERSE, CAST THYSELF UPON MY BODY!
VWORRR
HUSH
しーん
KABAM
HERE'S A MIR-ROR...
FWIP
スッ
DOES IT LOOK COOL ON ME?
DID IT WORK?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
SIZZLE


GONNNGG


GRAAAAAURGH!
BWAHAHA! IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!!
TOO BAD FOR HER...
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER...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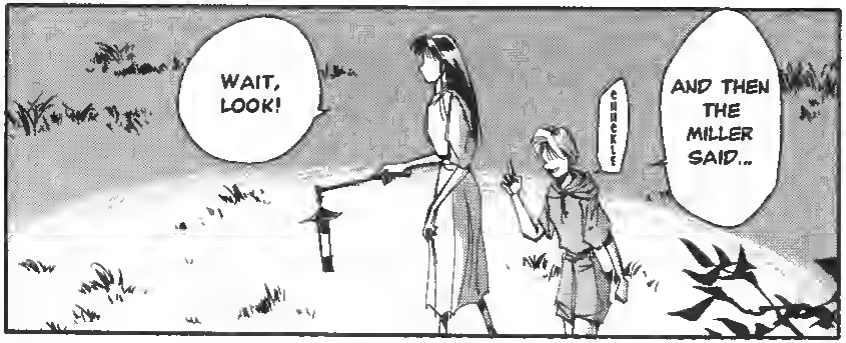
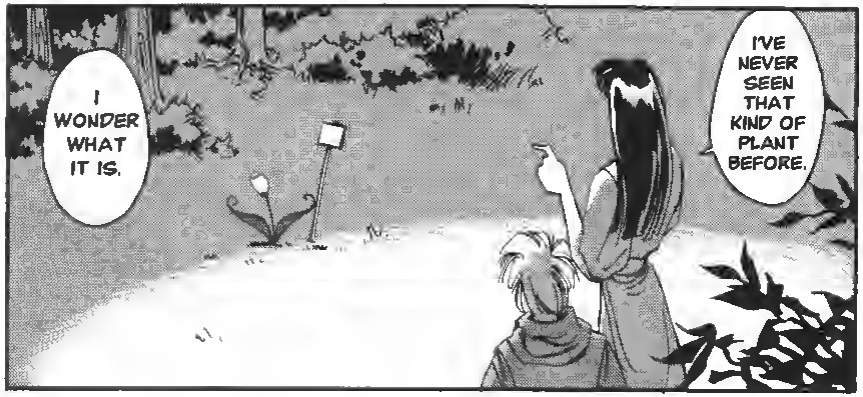
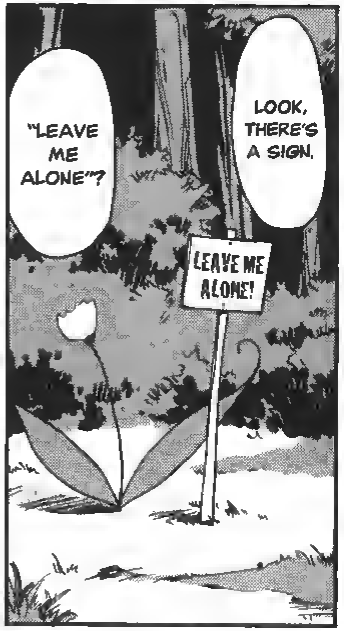
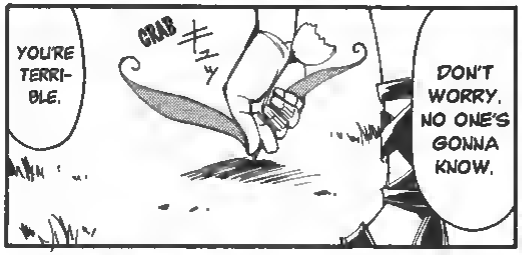

WAIT, LOOK!
CHUCKLE
AND THEN THE MILLER SAID...


I WONDER WHAT IT IS.
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT KIND OF PLANT BEFORE.

I DON'T THINK SO. I BET IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE.
WHY DON'T WE TAKE IT HOME?

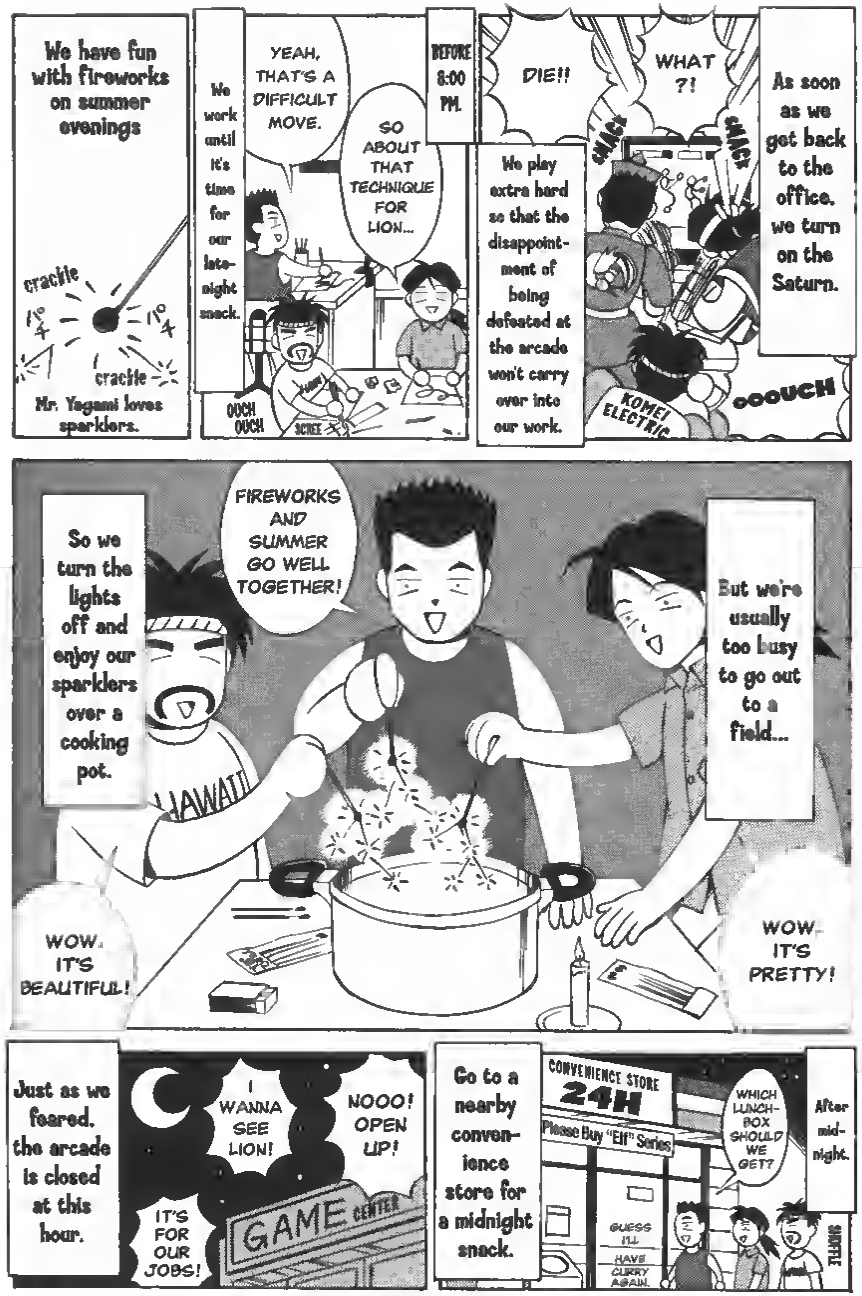

"LEAVE ME ALONE"?
LOOK, THERE'S A SIGN.
LEAVE ME ALONE!


YOU'RE TERRIBLE.
GRAB
DON'T WORRY. NO ONE'S GONNA KNOW.

POP!
OOF.

.....

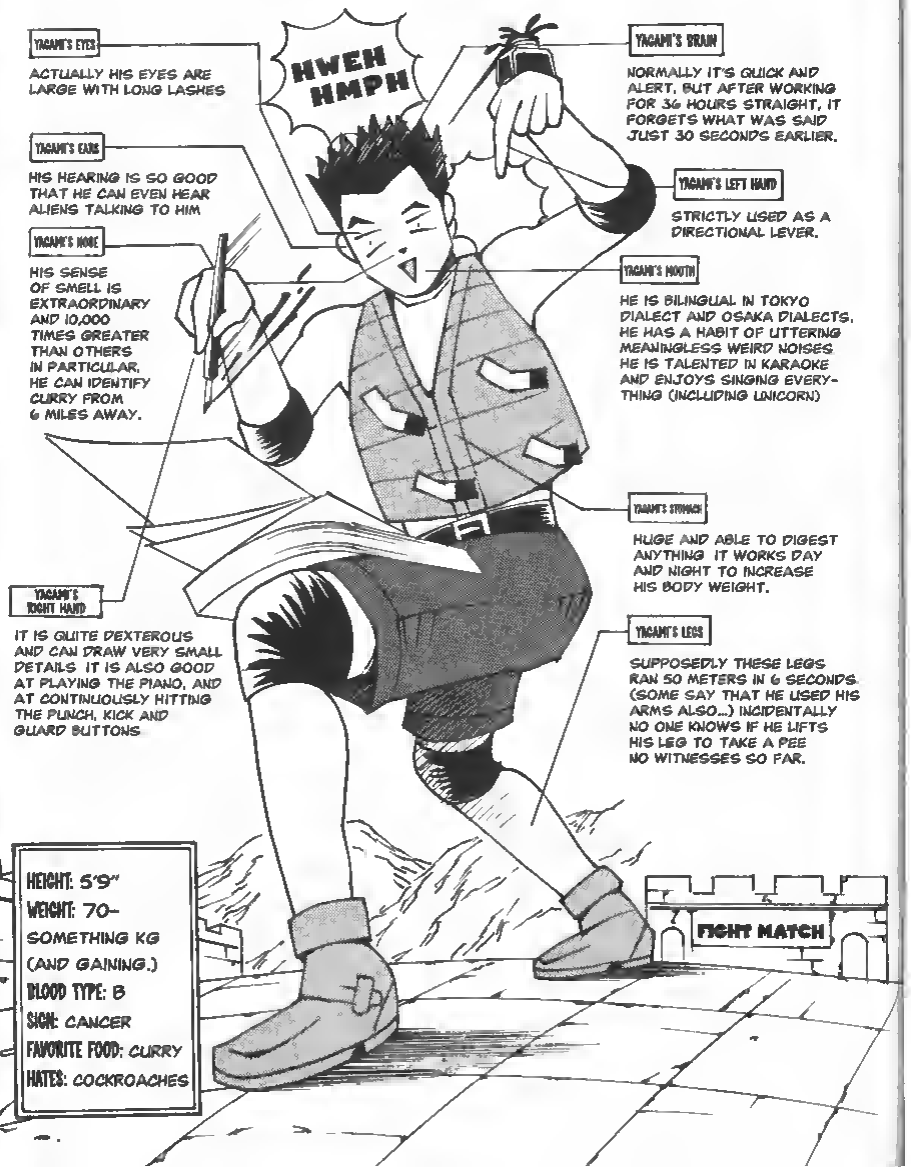
KERBOOM
KERBANG
ANOTHER VICTIM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE STARING AT?!
WE HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET HER OUT.
GYAAAA!!
HOW LONG IS THAT IDIOT GONNA HIDE LIKE THAT?

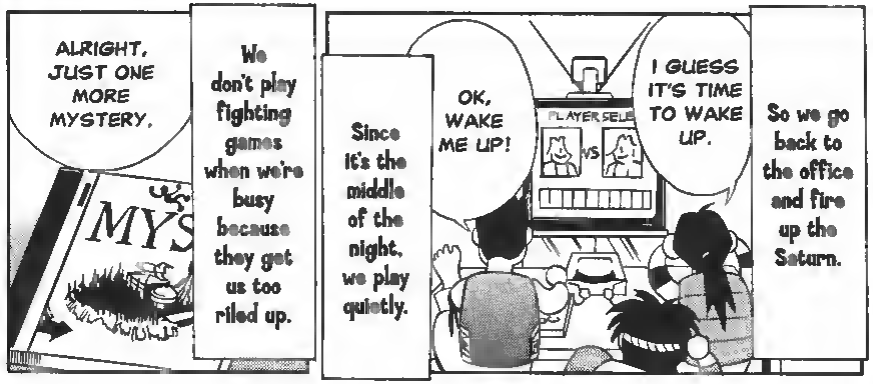

We have fun with fireworks on summer evenings
crackle
crackle
Mr. Yagami loves sparklers.
We work until it's time for our late-night snack.
YEAH, THAT'S A DIFFICULT MOVE.
SO ABOUT THAT TECHNIQUE FOR LION...
BEFORE 8:00 PM.
OOOH OOOH
SCRIBE
We play extra hard so that the disappointment of being defeated at the arcade won't carry over into our work.
DIE!!
WHAT ?!
CHACK
CHACK
KOMEI ELECTRIC
As soon as we get back to the office, we turn on the Saturn.
oooUCH
So we turn the lights off and enjoy our sparklers over a cooking pot.
FIREWORKS AND SUMMER GO WELL TOGETHER!
But we're usually too busy to go out to a field...
WOW. IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
WOW. IT'S PRETTY!
Just as we feared, the arcade is closed at this hour.
I WANNA SEE LION!
NOOO! OPEN UP!
IT'S FOR OUR JOBS!
GAME CENTER
Go to a nearby convenience store for a midnight snack.
CONVENIENCE STORE 24H
Please Buy "EN" Series
GUESS I'LL HAVE CURRY AGAIN.
WHICH LUNCH-BOX SHOULD WE GET?
After midnight.
SHUFFLE

THOSE WHO ILLUSTRATE ELVES
Ultimate Fight in Ekoda
The Case of Boomerang Matsuoka
GAME
TIING
HM..H
After lunch, relax at a game arcade in preparation for work.
Meet at Ekoda Station and go have lunch.
SEIBU IKEBUKORO LINE, EKODA STATION
12:00 PM. DAY ONE.
WHERE'RE WE GONNA EAT?
HOWDY!
HEY THERE!
HOW ABOUT SOME CURRY?
HAWAII!
Work until our next break, it's a happy place to work, full of laughter.
WEEE HEH
HEH HEH HEH
BEFORE 2:00 PM.
HEH HEH HEH
Train hard and analyze the reason for our defeats at the arcade.
YOU'VE GOTTA CROUCH AND PRESS GUARD.
OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!
Upon arrival at Mr. Yagami's office, turn on the Sega Saturn.
After dinner, we go back to the arcade to psych ourselves up for our evening work.
HRARH!
It's bath time. We go to a nearby public bathhouse.
LET'S GO TO A BATH-HOUSE.
5:00 PM.
SHUFFLE
WHERE SHALL WE GO?
LET'S HAVE SOME CURRY
SHUFFLE
After our bath, we go to a restaurant for dinner.

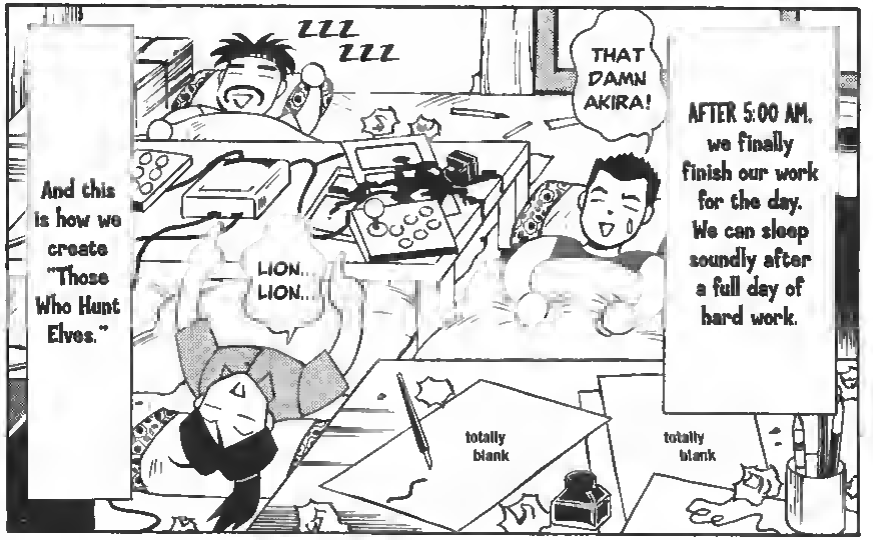
PRESENTING THE LEGENDARY FIGHTING MANGA AUTHOR **YU YAGAMI** (CANINE)!!

I, BOOMERANG MATSUOKA, FOUND THE AUTHOR SECRETLY TRAINING IN THE LEGENDARY MARTIAL ART OF "PRAYING MANTIS MANGA FIST" IN NORTHERN CHINA. HERE IS A DRAWING OF HIM TRAINING–FOR YOU, THE READERS!


YAGAMI'S EYES
ACTUALLY HIS EYES ARE LARGE WITH LONG LASHES
YAGAMI'S EARS
HIS HEARING IS SO GOOD THAT HE CAN EVEN HEAR ALIENS TALKING TO HIM
YAGAMI'S NOSE
HIS SENSE OF SMELL IS EXTRAORDINARY AND 10,000 TIMES GREATER THAN OTHERS IN PARTICULAR. HE CAN IDENTIFY CURRY FROM 6 MILES AWAY.
YAGAMI'S RIGHT HAND
IT IS QUITE DEXTEROUS AND CAN DRAW VERY SMALL DETAILS. IT IS ALSO GOOD AT PLAYING THE PIANO, AND AT CONTINUOUSLY HITTING THE PUNCH, KICK AND GUARD BUTTONS.
HWEH HMPH
YAGAMI'S BRAIN
NORMALLY IT'S QUICK AND ALERT, BUT AFTER WORKING FOR 36 HOURS STRAIGHT, IT FORGETS WHAT WAS SAID JUST 30 SECONDS EARLIER.
YAGAMI'S LEFT HAND
STRICTLY USED AS A DIRECTIONAL LEVER.
YAGAMI'S MOUTH
HE IS BILINGUAL IN TOKYO DIALECT AND OSAKA DIALECTS. HE HAS A HABIT OF UTTERING MEANINGLESS WEIRD NOISES. HE IS TALENTED IN KARAOKE AND ENJOYS SINGING EVERYTHING (INCLUDING UNICORN).
YAGAMI'S STOMACH
HUGE AND ABLE TO DIGEST ANYTHING. IT WORKS DAY AND NIGHT TO INCREASE HIS BODY WEIGHT.
YAGAMI'S LEGS
SUPPOSEDLY THESE LEGS RAN 50 METERS IN 6 SECONDS. (SOME SAY THAT HE USED HIS ARMS ALSO...) INCIDENTALLY NO ONE KNOWS IF HE LIFTS HIS LEG TO TAKE A PEE. NO WITNESSES SO FAR.
FIGHT MATCH
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 70–SOMETHING KG (AND GAINING.)
BLOOD TYPE: B
SIGN: CANCER
FAVORITE FOOD: CURRY
HATES: COCKROACHES


ALRIGHT, JUST ONE MORE MYSTERY.
We don't play fighting games when we're busy because they get us too riled up.
Since it's the middle of the night, we play quietly.
OK, WAKE ME UP!
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP.
So we go back to the office and fire up the Saturn.

If we get sleepy, we turn on the Saturn to wake up.
MR. YAGAMI, ARE YOU READY YET?
ZZZ
ZZZ
CLICK CLICK
BEFORE 2:00 AM: Work until bed-time
It's essential to finish the level before getting back to work.
LET'S CLEAR THIS LEVEL AND GET BACK TO WORK.
OH MY, HERE'S A DUNGEON...
In order to avoid getting distracted later on...


And this is how we create "Those Who Hunt Elves."
ZZZ
ZZZ
LION... LION...
THAT DAMN AKIRA!
AFTER 5:00 AM. we finally finish our work for the day. We can sleep soundly after a full day of hard work.
totally blank
totally blank

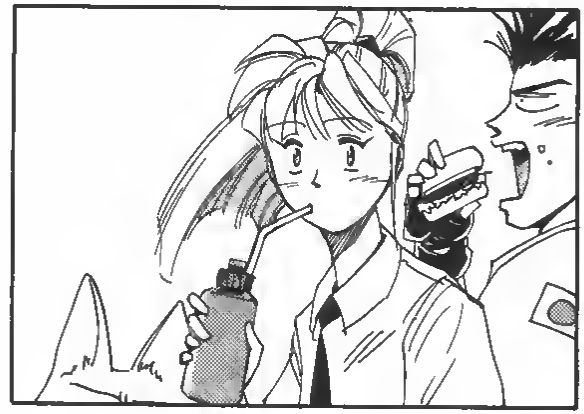
WELL...
Phantom Monsters Show
SO, WHAT KIND OF MONSTERS DO YOU HAVE?
THAT'S IT? YOU'VE GOTTA GET SERIOUS, MAN.
WE'VE GOT A HORNED RABBIT, A WINGED SNAKE...
THERE'S NO WAY A DOG COULD...
SWAHAHA
COME ON! QUIT YANKIN' MY CHAIN!
A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE?
YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE GOT?
A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE!
HAVE...

Character Profile (3)

Ritsuko Inoue

Age: 17
Blood Type: A
Sign: Pisces
Personality: Bright, loving and a bit nerdy.

Ritsuko is a real military buff, which is rather unusual for a high school girl. She is particularly knowledgeable about armored vehicles and tanks, and can keep them in perfect running order. She even owns a T-74 tank (though it's not clear how she got it). Other than that, Ritsuko is a normal teenager who loves candy and Disney Land.



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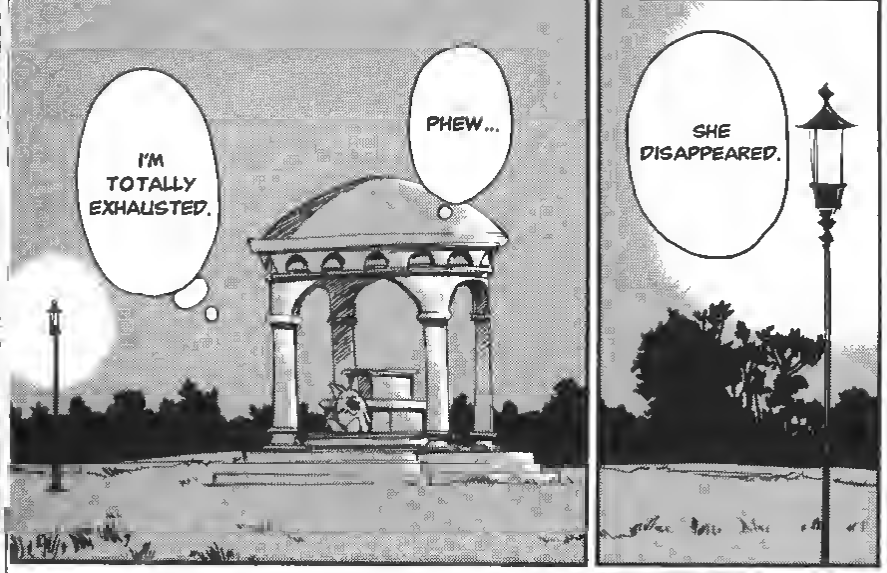
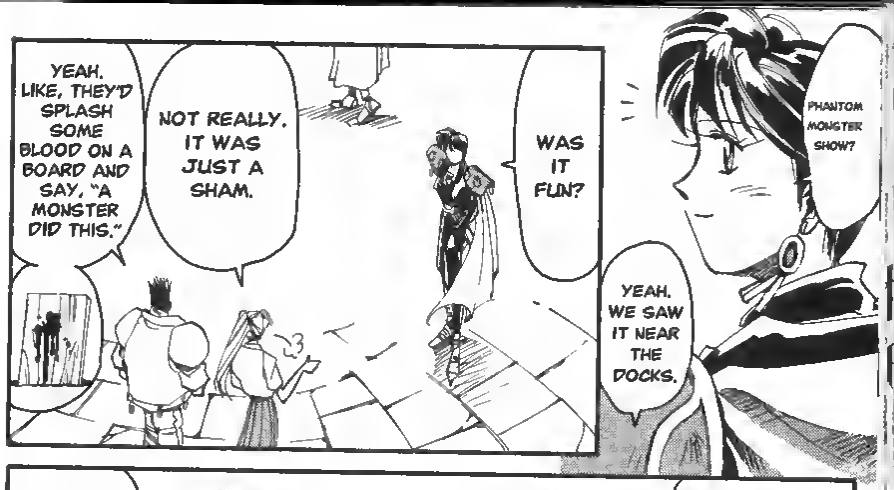
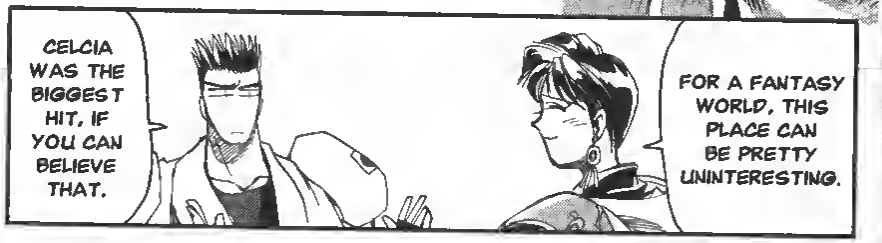
Rebecca, an Old Friend

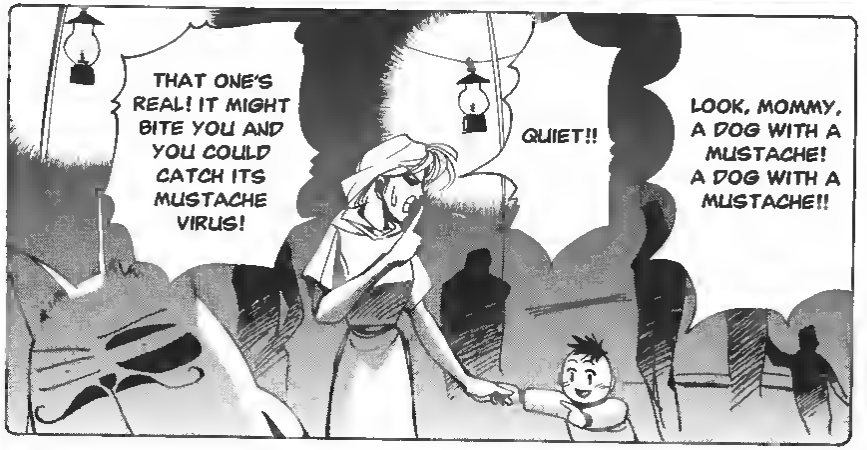

I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED.
PHEW...
SHE DISAPPEARED.

HOW MUCH MORE DO I HAVE TO DO FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS?
DEAR GOD, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT I DID TO DESERVE SUCH PUNISHMENT!

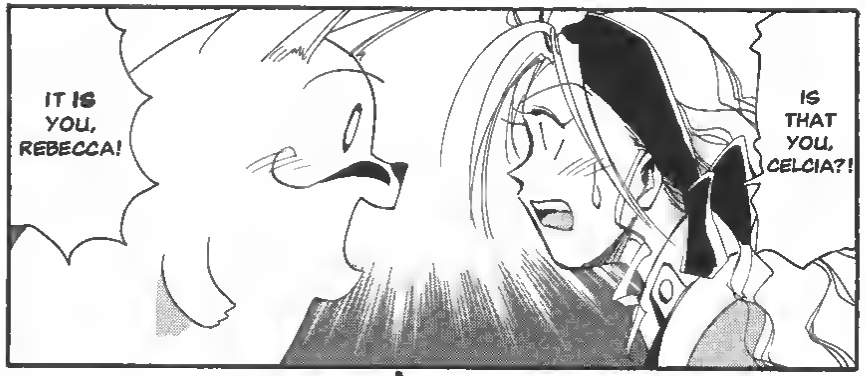
HEY, BOY! COME HERE, LITTLE PUPPY!
GO AHEAD AND MAKE ME INTO A REAL DOG!!
IF YOU WANT,

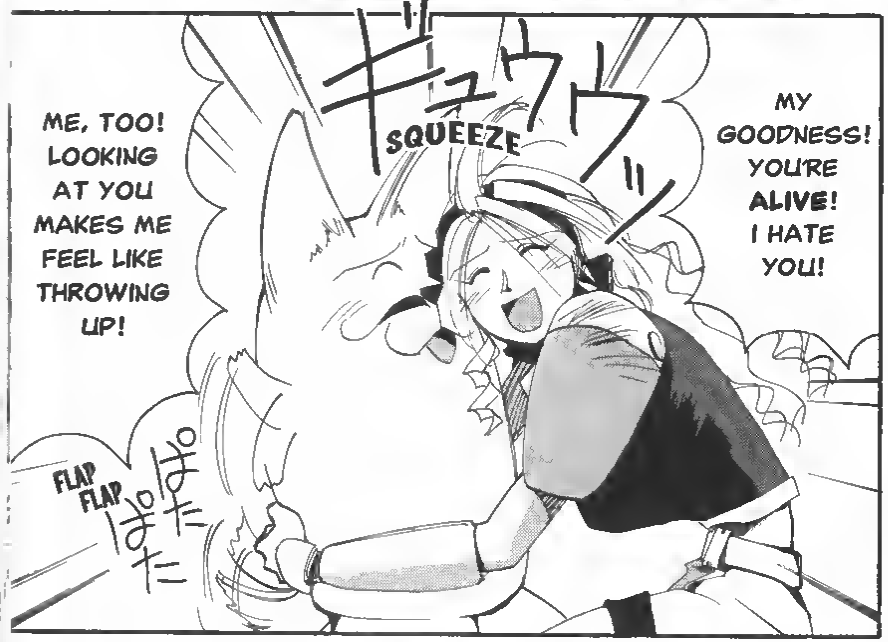

YEAH. LIKE, THEY'D SPLASH SOME BLOOD ON A BOARD AND SAY, "A MONSTER DID THIS."
NOT REALLY. IT WAS JUST A SHAM.
WAS IT FUN?
PHANTOM MONSTER SHOW?
YEAH. WE SAW IT NEAR THE DOCKS.


CELCIA WAS THE BIGGEST HIT, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT.
FOR A FANTASY WORLD, THIS PLACE CAN BE PRETTY UNINTERESTING.

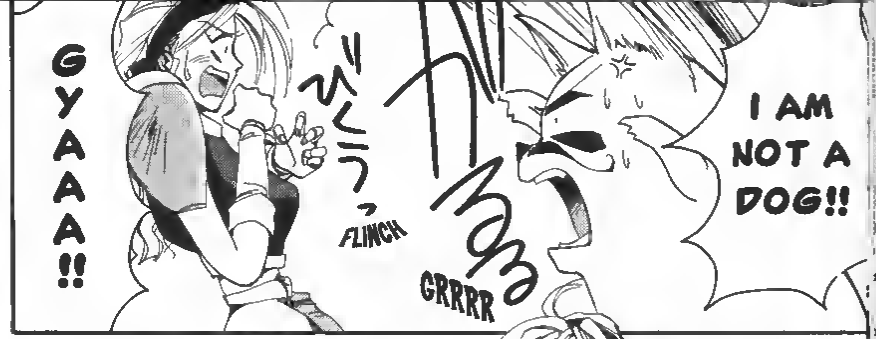

THAT ONE'S REAL! IT MIGHT BITE YOU AND YOU COULD CATCH ITS MUSTACHE VIRUS!
QUIET!!
LOOK, MOMMY, A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE! A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE!!

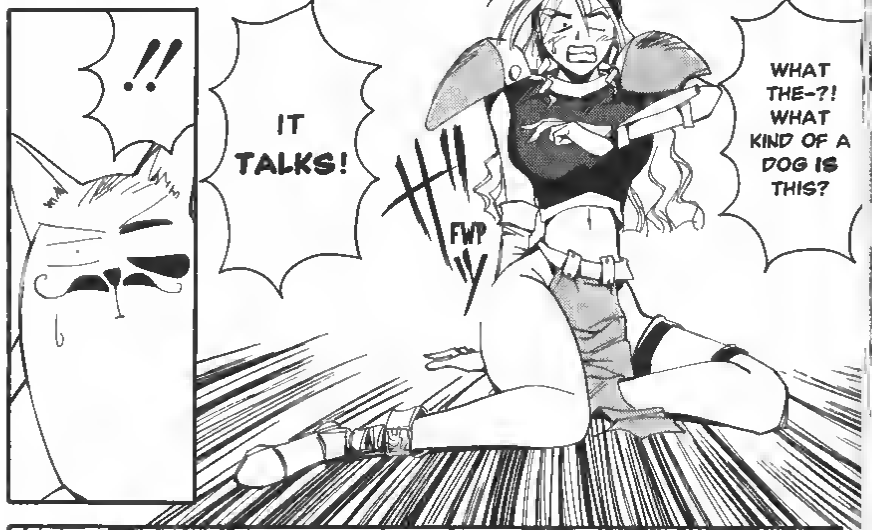
UM... WELL...
HOW IS CELCIA FEELING?


IT IS YOU, REBECCA!
IS THAT YOU, CELCIA?!


ME, TOO! LOOKING AT YOU MAKES ME FEEL LIKE THROWING UP!
SQUEEZE
MY GOODNESS! YOU'RE ALIVE! I HATE YOU!
FLAP FLAP

FWP
SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
WHOOSH
DON'T WORRY. YOU WON'T FEEL A THING ONCE YOU'RE DEAD!!


GYAAA!!
FLINCH
GRRRR
I AM NOT A DOG!!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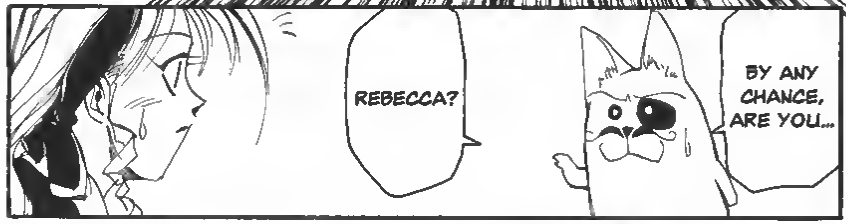
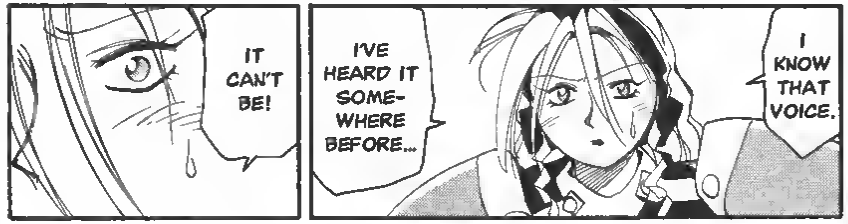
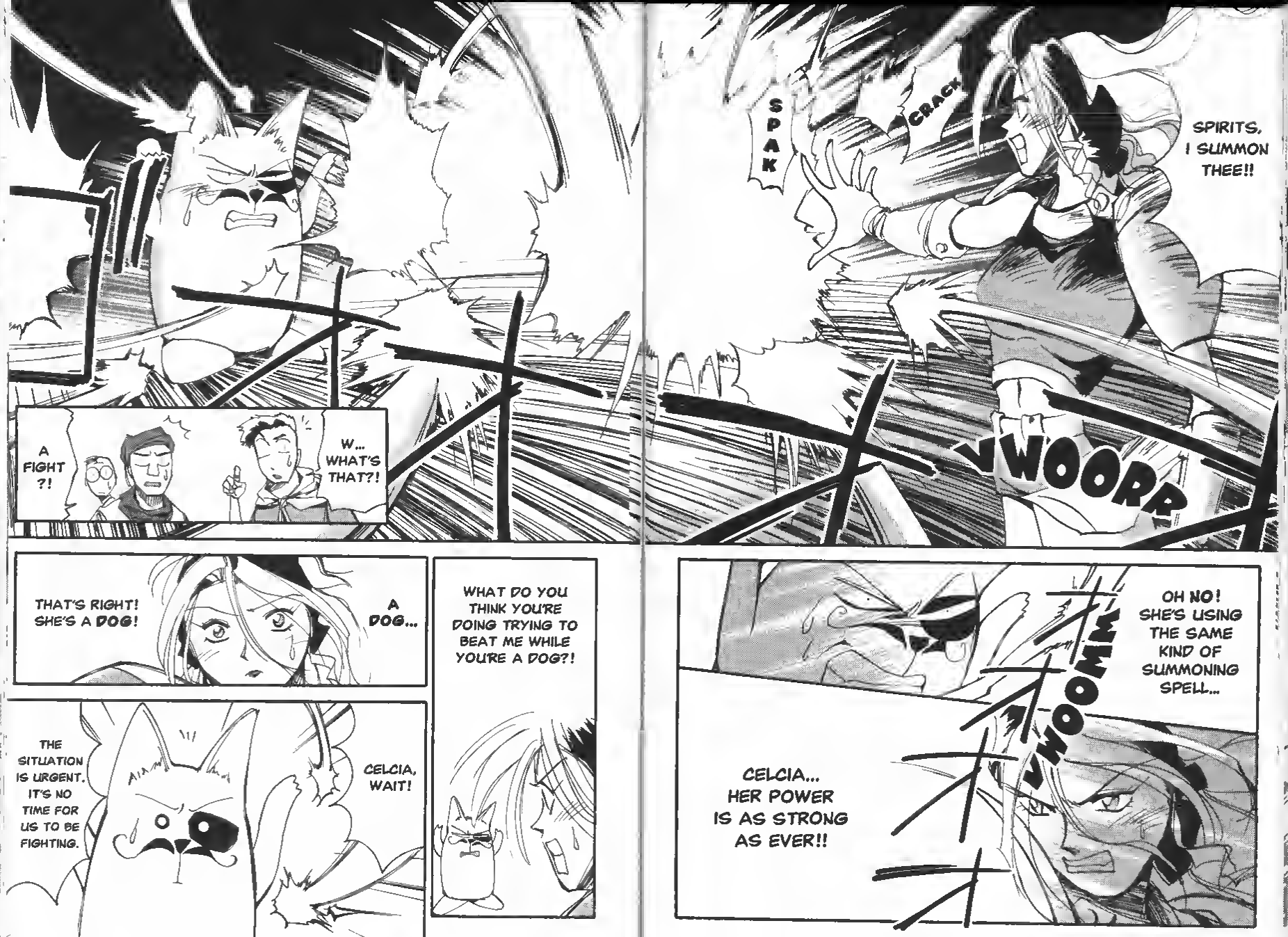
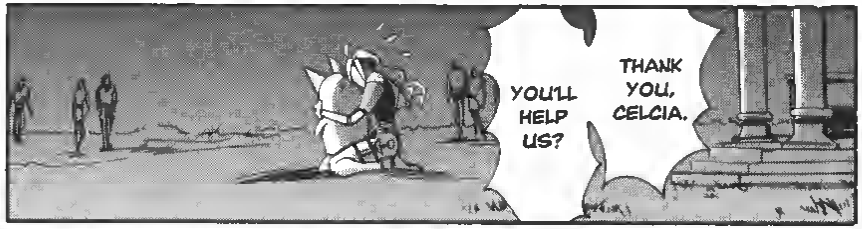
IT TALKS!
FWP
WHAT THE-?! WHAT KIND OF A DOG IS THIS?


REBECCA?
BY ANY CHANCE, ARE YOU...

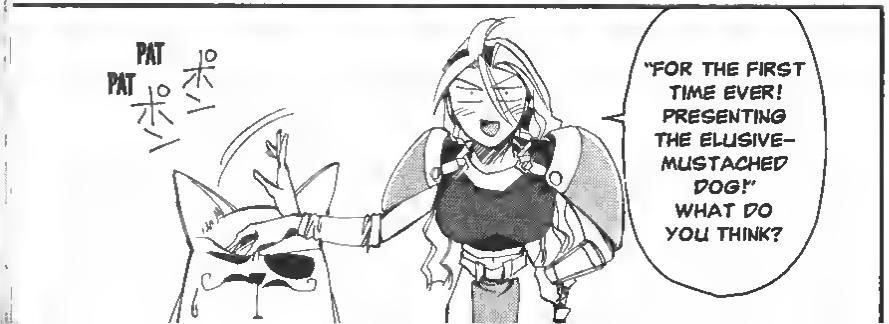

IT CAN'T BE!
I'VE HEARD IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
I KNOW THAT VOICE.

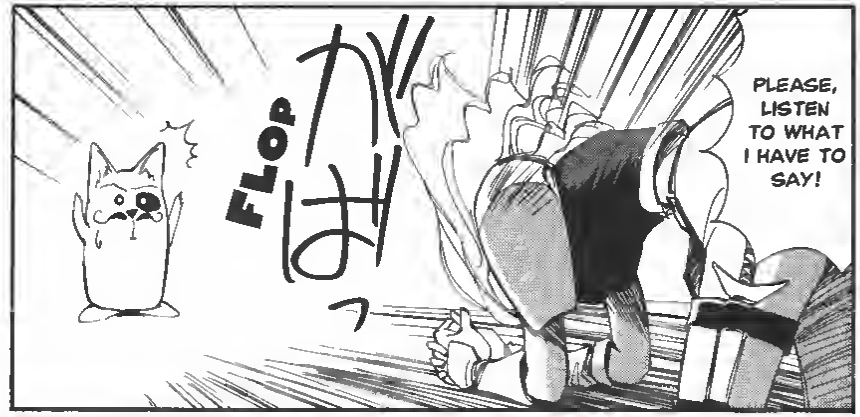

SPAK
CRACK
SPIRITS, I SUMMON THEE!!
WOORR
A FIGHT ?!
W... WHAT'S THAT?!
THAT'S RIGHT! SHE'S A DOG!
A DOG...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TRYING TO BEAT ME WHILE YOU'RE A DOG?!
THE SITUATION IS URGENT. IT'S NO TIME FOR US TO BE FIGHTING.
CELCIA, WAIT!
WHOOMM
OH NO! SHE'S USING THE SAME KIND OF SUMMONING SPELL...
CELCIA... HER POWER IS AS STRONG AS EVER!!

TH...
WHAT PLACE IS THAT?


YOU'LL HELP US?
THANK YOU, CELCIA.

Phantom Monster Show
TA-DAA!
ENTRANCE
CLOSED
PLEASE COME BACK


PAT
PAT
"FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER! PRESENTING THE ELUSIVE-MUSTACHED DOG!" WHAT DO YOU THINK?


FLOP
PLEASE, LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!

REBECCA ?!

THE PLACE WHERE I WORK WILL GO BANKRUPT!
YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE. IF YOU DON'T HELP US...

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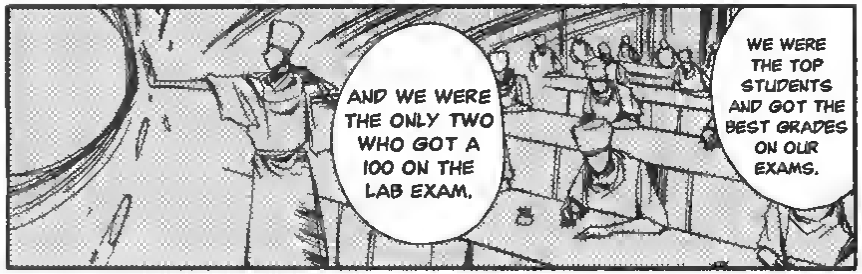
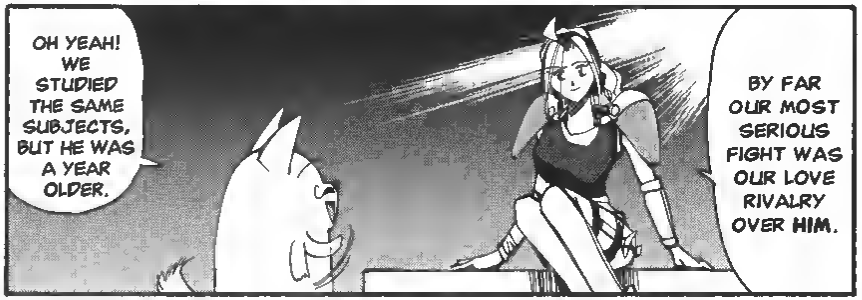
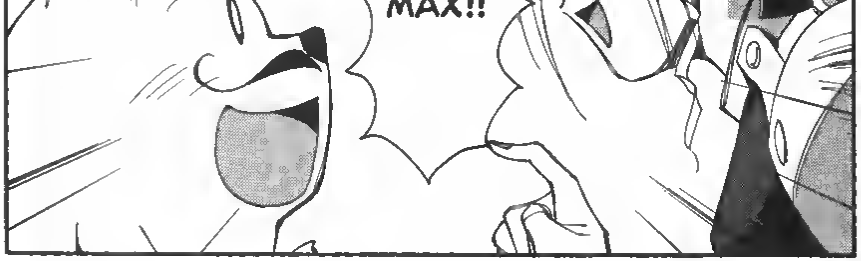

PLEASE! WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE!
GRRR
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WOULD BE IN YOUR EXHIBIT?!

ONCE THE OWNER SAW YOU, HE WAS CONVINCED.
YOU CAME HERE EARLIER, RIGHT?


HOORAY
WAAH
ONLY THE DOG WITH A MUSTACHE CAN SAVE THIS BUSINESS!!


DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS AND RIVALS AT THE SORCEROR'S ACADEMY?
CELCIA !!
TAKE CARE.

AND WE WERE THE ONLY TWO WHO GOT A 100 ON THE LAB EXAM.
WE WERE THE TOP STUDENTS AND GOT THE BEST GRADES ON OUR EXAMS.

WE FOUGHT HARD, DIDN'T WE?
YEAH. THAT BRINGS BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES.

OH YEAH! WE STUDIED THE SAME SUBJECTS, BUT HE WAS A YEAR OLDER.
BY FAR OUR MOST SERIOUS FIGHT WAS OUR LOVE RIVALRY OVER HIM.

MAX!!

SO WHAT!
THE DEBTS ARE PILING UP FOR THE PHANTOM MONSTER SHOW...
WHA...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THE OWNER OF THE SHOW IS... OUR MAX!!
WHAAAT?!
DA-DUM!

ALL WE COULD DO WAS ADMIRE HIM FROM AFAR.
WE GOT SO EXCITED WHENEVER HE NOTICED US.
AFTER ALL, WE WERE SO SHY AND...
WE COULDN'T EVEN GET THE COURAGE TO PASS NOTES TO HIM.
NO.
YOU'RE WRONG. I TRIED TO PASS A LOVE LETTER TO HIM, AND YOU STOPPED ME!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU STOPPED ME!
WAIT! PLEASE CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO ME, CELCIA!
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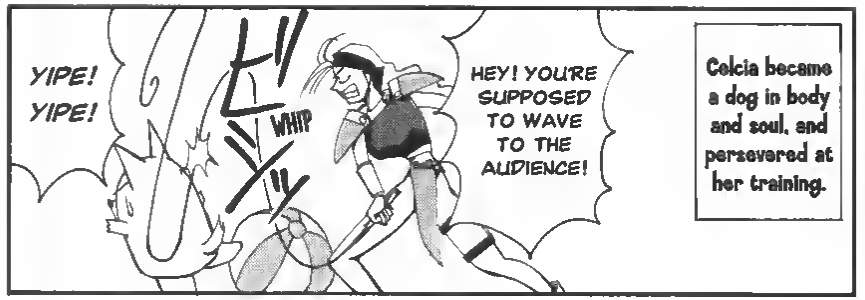
F'WHOP
YOU STOP TALKING NON-SENSE!!
STOP TALKING NON-SENSE!
WHOP


YIPE!
YIPE!
WHIP
HEY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WAVE TO THE AUDIENCE!
Celcia became a dog in body and soul, and persevered at her training.

GOOD, GOOD
Because of her adoration for Max, she trained very hard...
1
2
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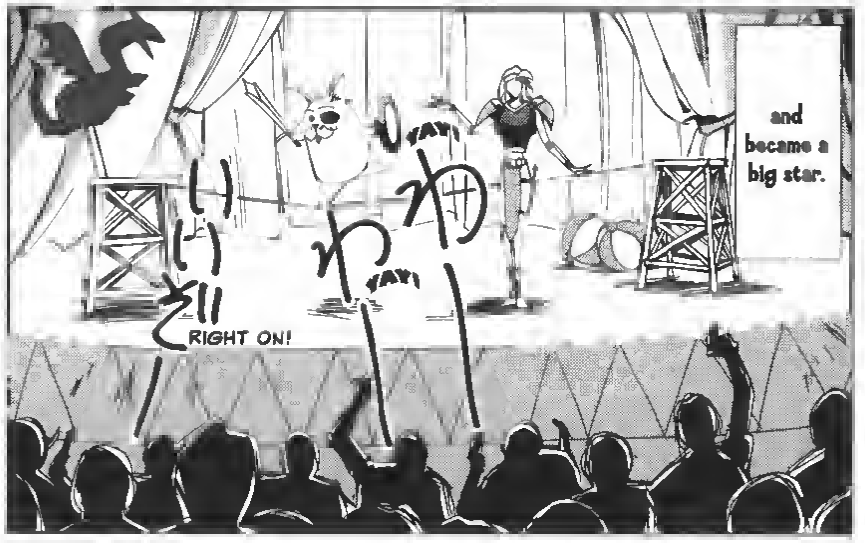
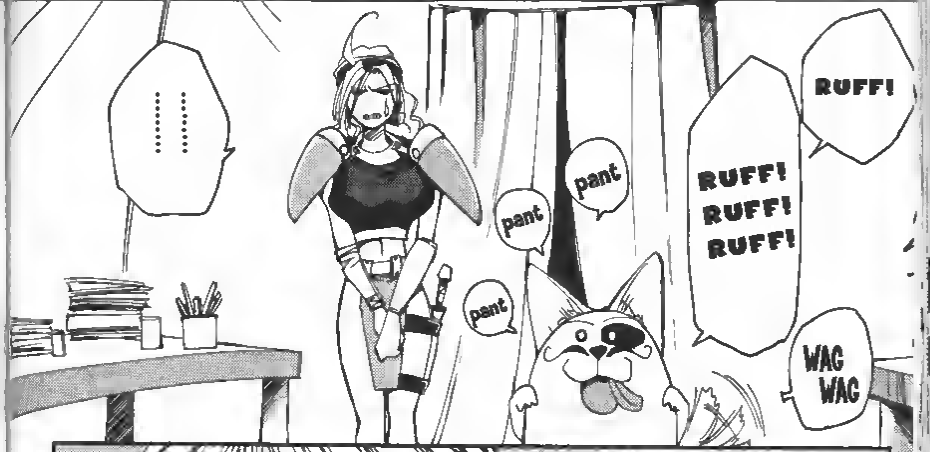

YAY!
YAY!
RIGHT ON!
and became a big star.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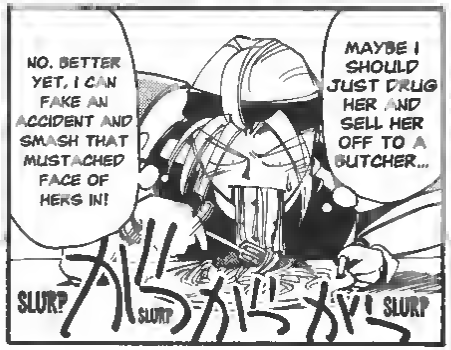
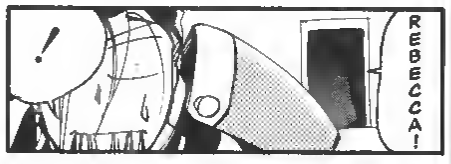
pant
pant
pant
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
RUFF!
WAG WAG

MAX! HERE'S THE DOG YOU LIKED...
GOOD! YOU GOT HIM.

WHOOPEE!
IT'S MAX!
IT'S REALLY HIM!
On that day, a new life started for Celcia.
DAMN DOG...
RUFF! RUFF!
BWAHAHA!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS! THIS MUSTACHE IS THE BEST PART!

THOK
ENOUGH! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS CRAP!!


NO. BETTER YET, I CAN FAKE AN ACCIDENT AND SMASH THAT MUSTACHED FACE OF HERS IN!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST DRUG HER AND SELL HER OFF TO A BUTCHER...
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP

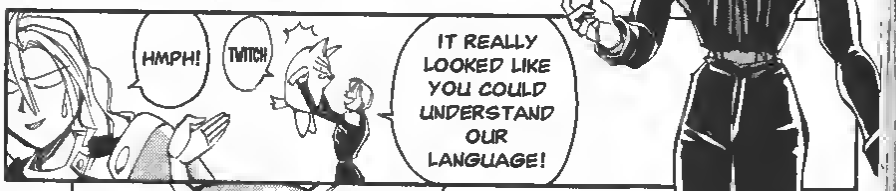

!
REBECCA!

I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU.

AND THE SAME GOES FOR MAX! WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A DOG WITH A MUSTACHE?!
WHO DOES CELCIA THINK SHE IS?
すぼお
THOP

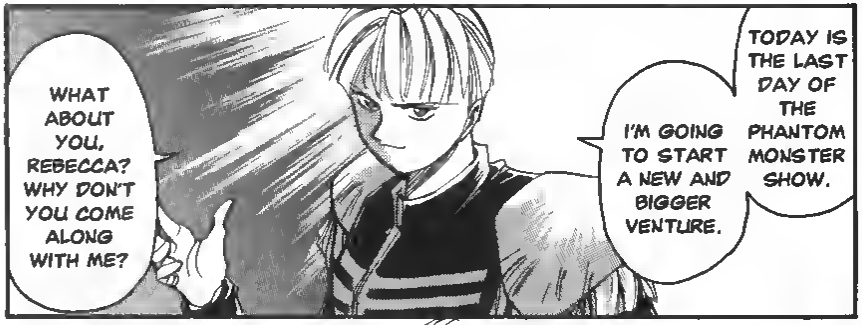
HE'S GONNA TELL ME I'M FIRED... BECAUSE I'M USELESS..
GULP
Y...YES, SIR.

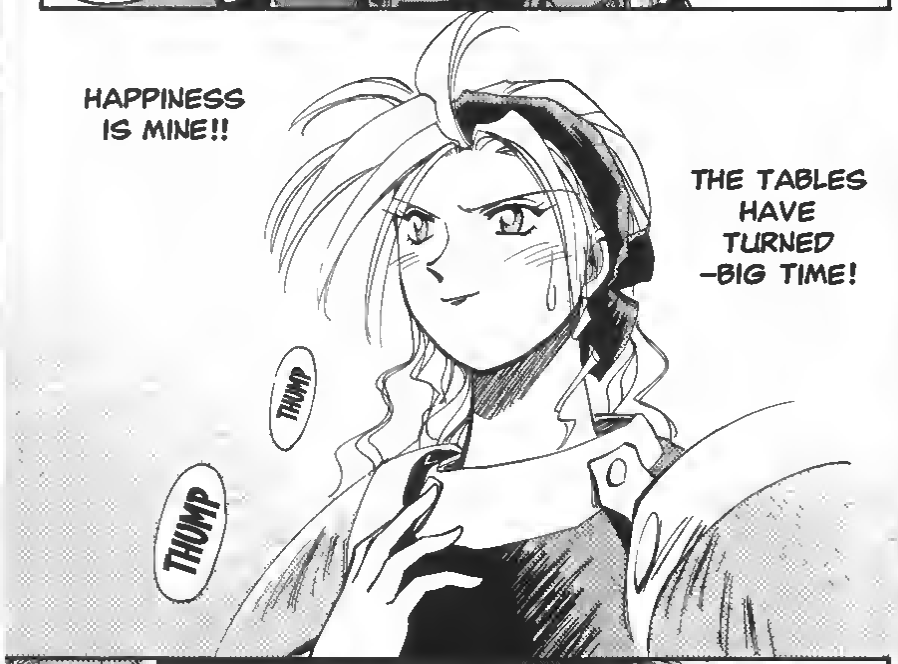
RUFF! RUFF!
SCAMPER
THAT WAS A GREAT PERFORMANCE! THE BEST ONE YET!

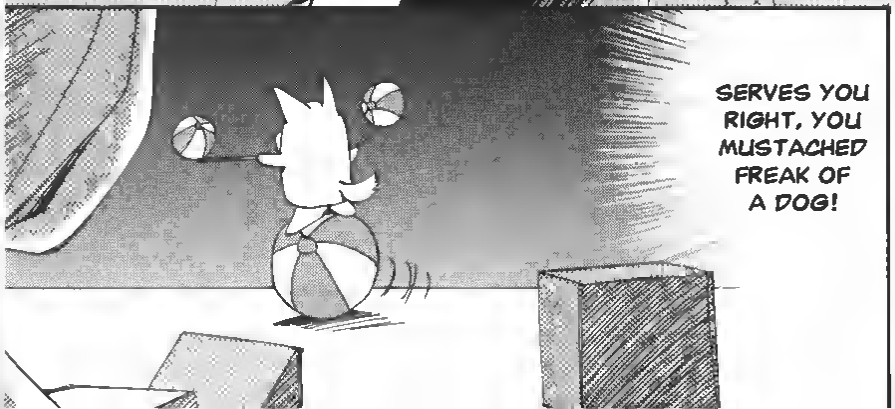

HMPH!
TWITCH
IT REALLY LOOKED LIKE YOU COULD UNDERSTAND OUR LANGUAGE!

YOU ARE MY BEST PARTNER!
smooch

UGH!
WAA...


TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE PHANTOM MONSTER SHOW.
I'M GOING TO START A NEW AND BIGGER VENTURE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, REBECCA? WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG WITH ME?

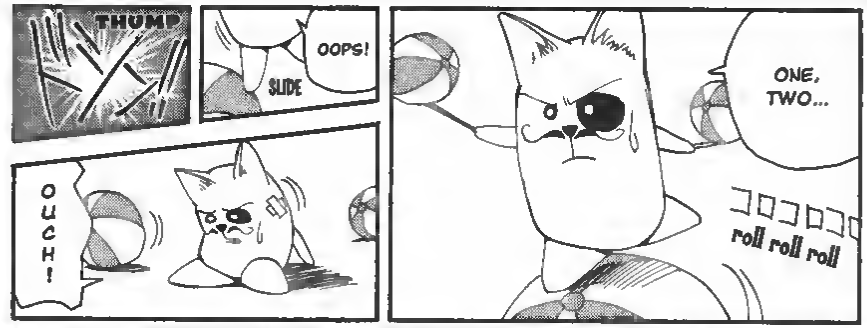

HAPPINESS IS MINE!!
THUMP
THUMP
THE TABLES HAVE TURNED –BIG TIME!

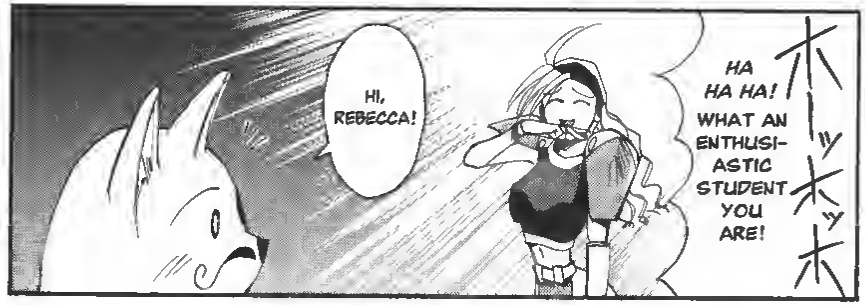

SERVES YOU RIGHT, YOU MUSTACHED FREAK OF A DOG!

HA HA HA. HOW DO YOU DO!
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU. THIS IS MR. BODLE, THE FAMOUS COLLECTOR OF RARE ANIMALS.

HE IS GOING TO BUY OUR MUSTACHED DOG FOR 100 MILLION GOLD COINS.

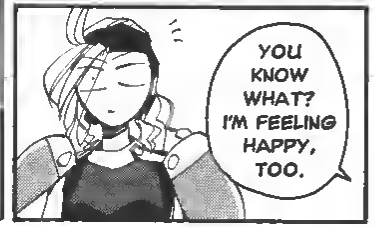
ISN'T IT GREAT?
FOR REAL?!


THUMP
SLIDE
OOPS!
OUCH!
ONE, TWO...
コロコロコロ
roll roll roll


HI, REBECCA!
HA HA HA! WHAT AN ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT YOU ARE!

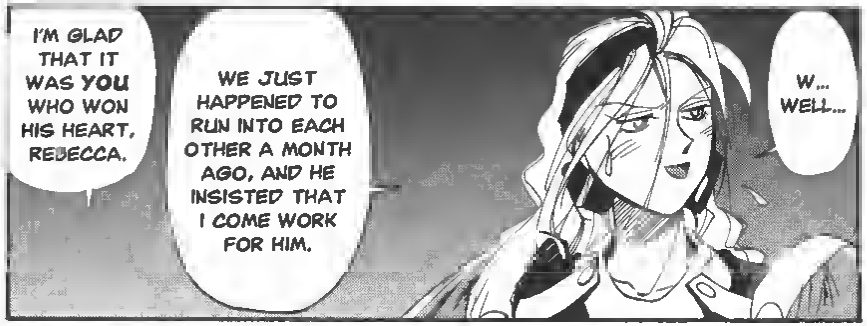
IT MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY TO BE USEFUL TO MAX.
HOW CAN I PUT IT...

HEH HEH. YOU COULD SAY THAT.
SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
YOU LOOK HAPPY.

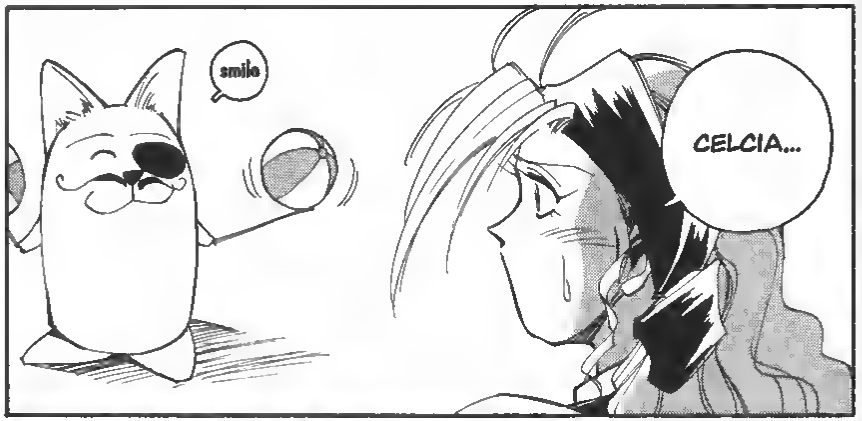

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M FEELING HAPPY, TOO.

YOU, TOO, REBECCA!
I SEE. CONGRATULATIONS!

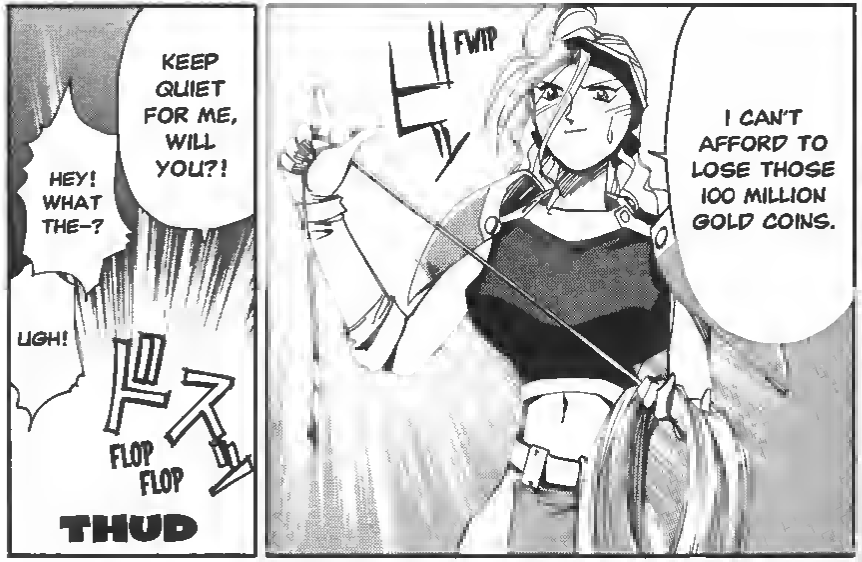
I ENVY YOU, WORKING WITH OUR FAVORITE, MAX.
WHAT?
TWITCH


I'M GLAD THAT IT WAS YOU WHO WON HIS HEART, REBECCA.
WE JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER A MONTH AGO, AND HE INSISTED THAT I COME WORK FOR HIM.
W... WELL...

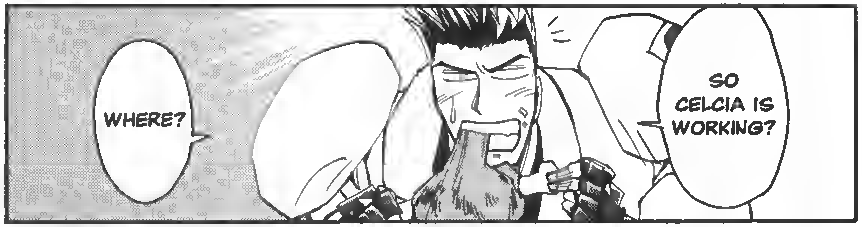
I CAN LEARN TO GIVE HIM UP. SO...
I CAN LIVE WITH IT.
IT'S HARD FOR ME, BUT...

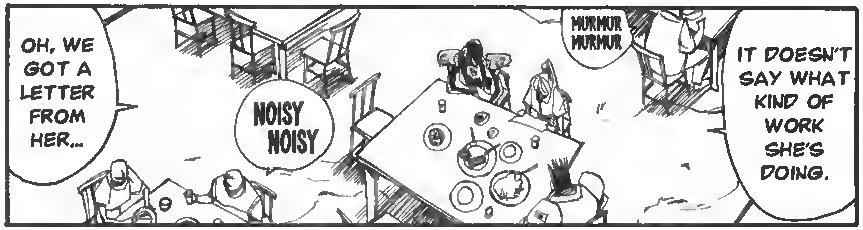

smile
CELCIA...

WHAT?
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, YOU STUPID MOUS-TACHE GIRL!
HMPH

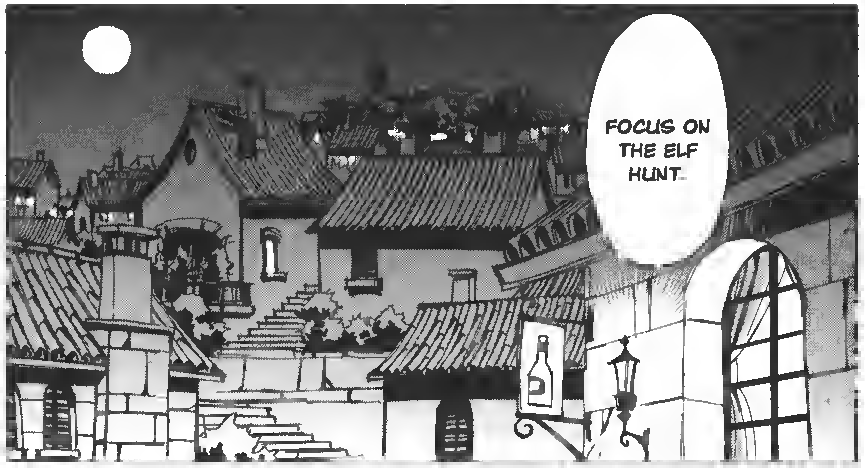

KEEP QUIET FOR ME, WILL YOU?!
HEY! WHAT THE-?
UGH!
FLOP FLOP
THUD
FWIP
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THOSE 100 MILLION GOLD COINS.

I WISH YOU THE BEST.

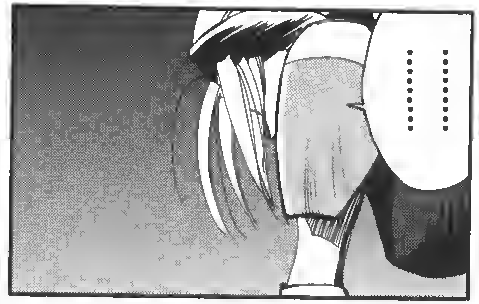

WHERE?
SO CELCIA IS WORKING?

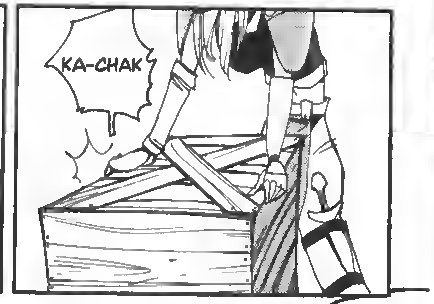

OH, WE GOT A LETTER FROM HER...
NOISY NOISY
MURMUR MURMUR
IT DOESN'T SAY WHAT KIND OF WORK SHE'S DOING.

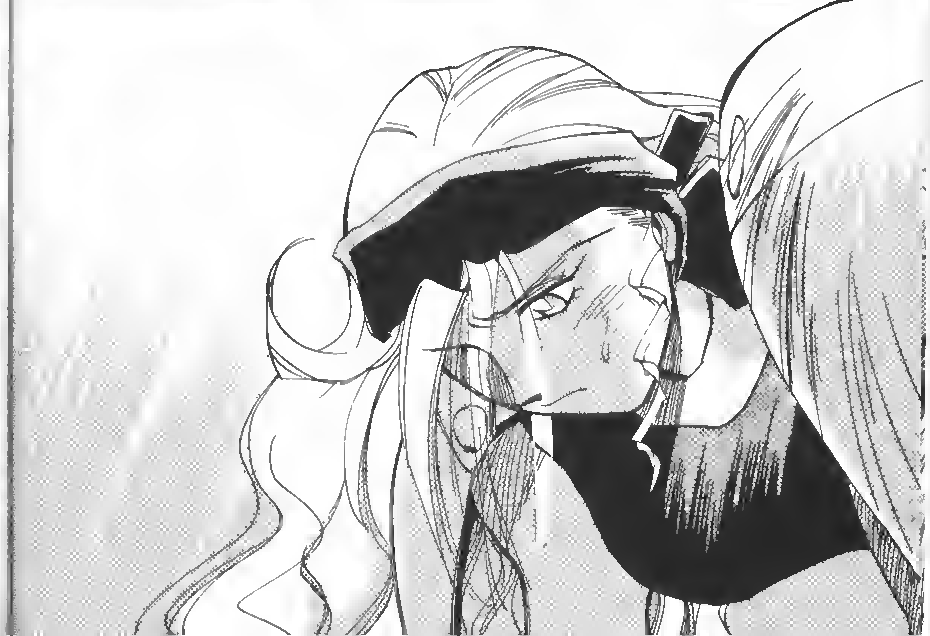
AT ANY RATE, WE NEED TO...
I'D IMAGINE SHE HAS A GOOD REASON.
SHE'S ASKING US NOT TO LOOK FOR HER.
AND LOOK HERE...
ACCORDING TO HER FORTUNE, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FIND A TATTOOED ELF IN THIS TOWN. AND THAT IDIOT JUST TOOK OFF! HOW IRRESPONSIBLE!


FOCUS ON THE ELF HUNT.

MMPH!
!!
MMPH!

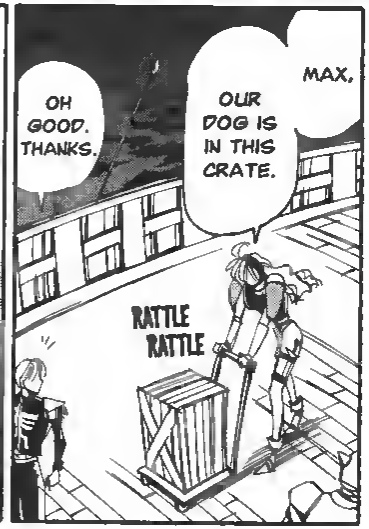


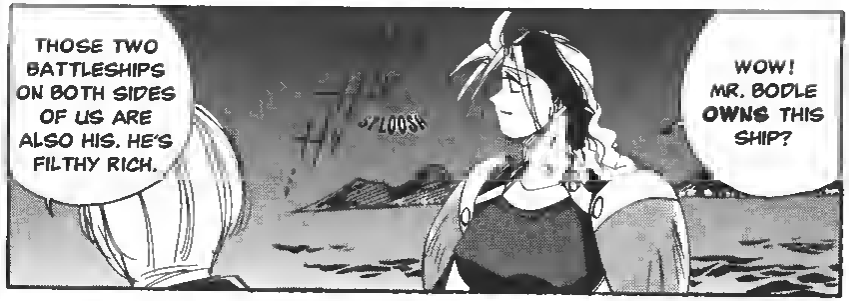

KA-CHAK

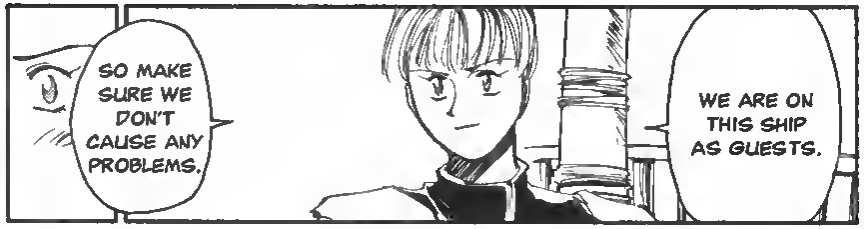


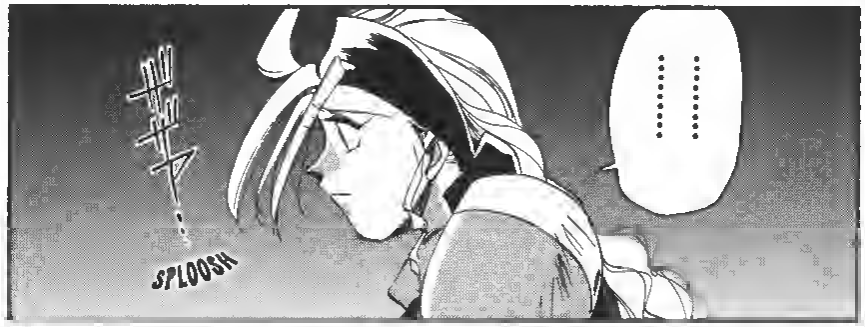
SPLOOSH

SOMEBODY HELP ME! AIRI! RITSUKO! PLEASE!
HOW DARE THEY! THEY'RE SELLING ME?!
aargh


OH GOOD. THANKS.
MAX, OUR DOG IS IN THIS CRATE.
RATTLE RATTLE


THOSE TWO BATTLESHIPS ON BOTH SIDES OF US ARE ALSO HIS. HE'S FILTHY RICH.
SPLOOSH
WOW! MR. BODLE OWNS THIS SHIP?


SO MAKE SURE WE DON'T CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS.
WE ARE ON THIS SHIP AS GUESTS.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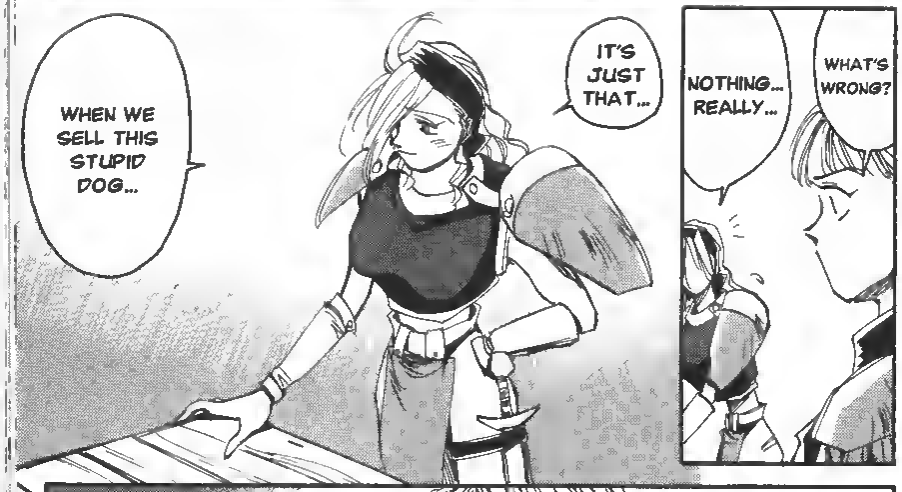
SPLOOSH


WHEN WE SELL THIS STUPID DOG...
IT'S JUST THAT...
NOTHING... REALLY...
WHAT'S WRONG?

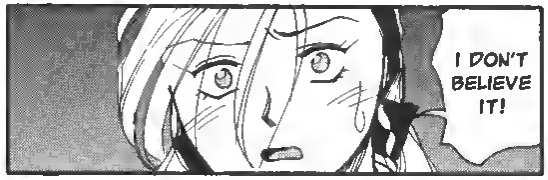
AREN'T YOU GOING TO MISS IT?

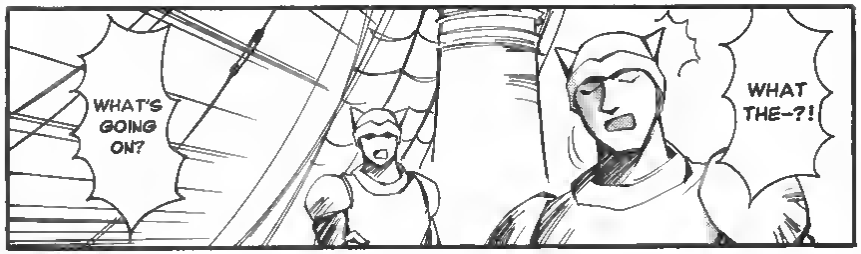
YOU SHOULDN'T LET SENTIMENTS LIKE LOVE OR FRIENDSHIP GET IN THE WAY.
IN THIS WORLD, MONEY IS EVERYTHING.
DAMMIT!
FWIP

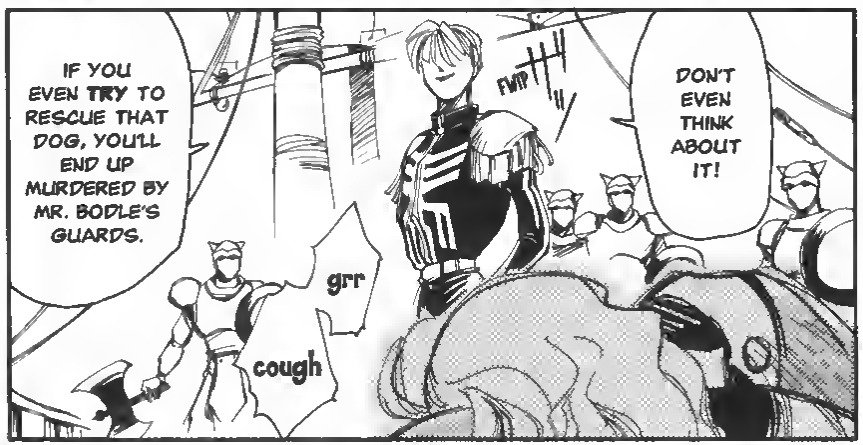
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN SENTIMENTAL OVER THIS MUSTACHED DOG!
HAHAHA!! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?
MAX...

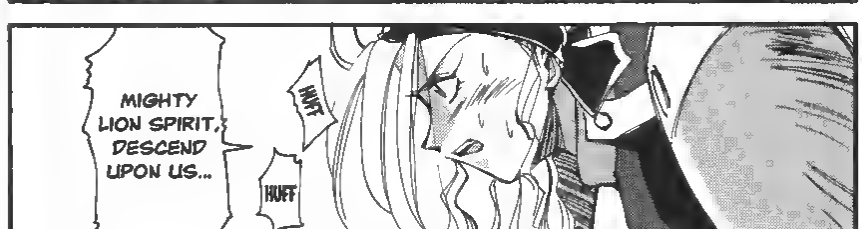
BUT I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT SENTIMENTAL.
I'M A BUSINESSMAN. OF COURSE I TAKE CARE OF MY MERCHANDISE...

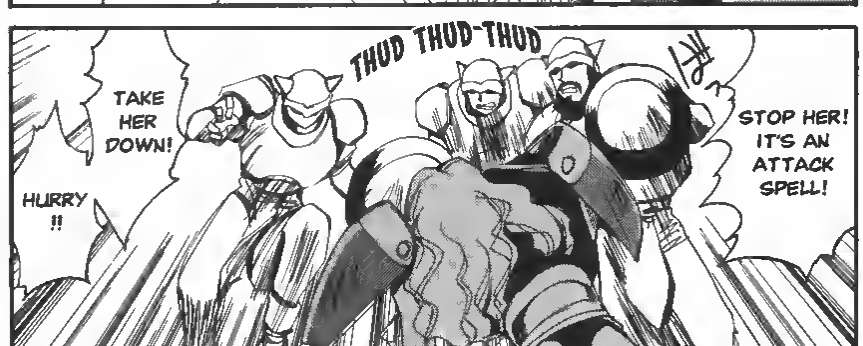
I THOUGHT YOU LOVED HIM, TOO!
STOP JOKING!
HA HA HA


I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

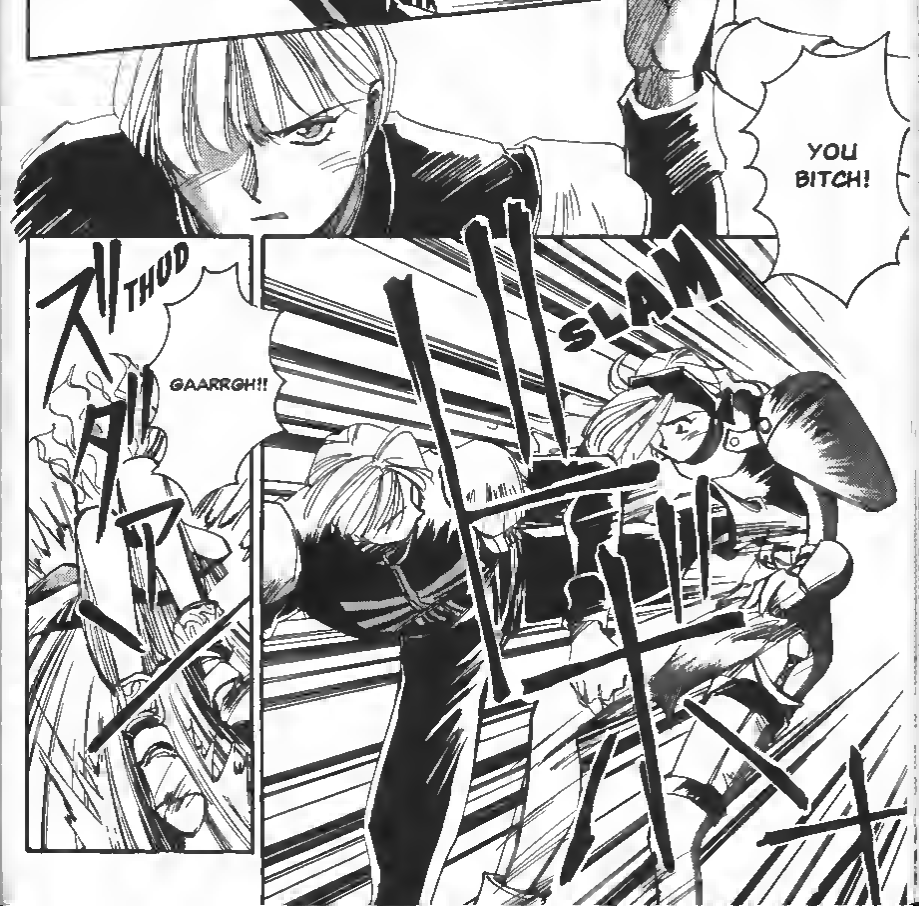

WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT THE-?!


IF YOU EVEN TRY TO RESCUE THAT DOG, YOU'LL END UP MURDERED BY MR. BODLE'S GUARDS.
FWIP
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
grr
cough


MIGHTY LION SPIRIT, DESCEND UPON US...
HUFF
HUFF


THUD THUD-THUD
TAKE HER DOWN!
HURRY !!
STOP HER! IT'S AN ATTACK SPELL!

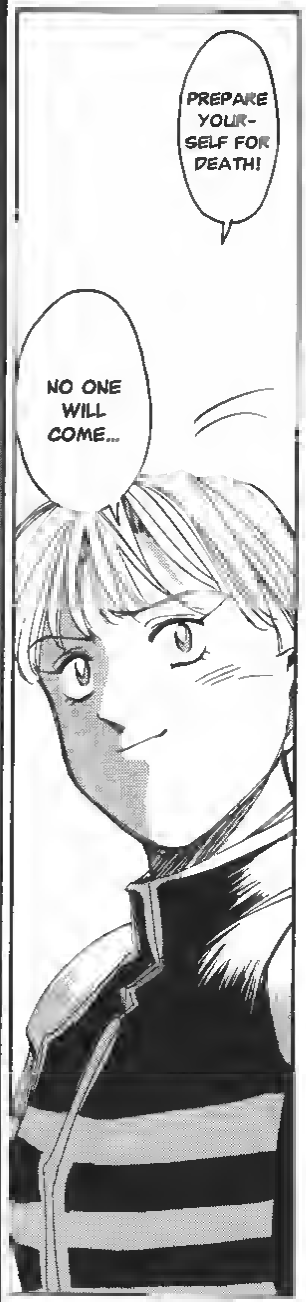
SLAP


YOU BITCH!
THUD
GAARRGH!!
SLAM

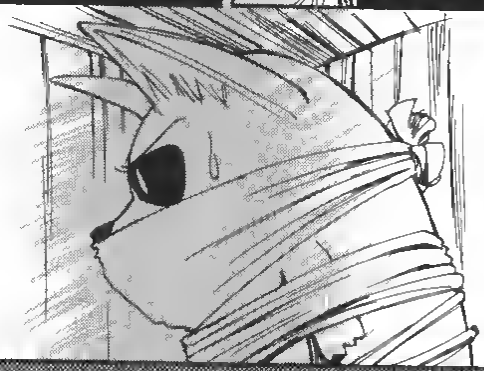
SOB
SOB
UNGH
MFF
grab
MAYBE YOU'RE GETTING SENTI-MENTAL, OR...
FOOLISH WOMAN!
W... WHAT?! YOU'RE...
AN ELF!!
!!

BAM
MMNGH !!
TH-THUD
BY YOUR SACRED BREATH...
MRMMPH!!
KA-CHACK
KA-CHACK
I WAS SUCH A FOOL!
FORGIVE ME, CELCIA.

TO RESCUE AN ELF LIKE YOU!


PREPARE YOUR-SELF FOR DEATH!
NO ONE WILL COME...

MMFF!
I CAN SELL YOU FOR EVEN MORE THAN I THOUGHT!
HEH HEH


THAT'S RIGHT! I FORGOT THAT REBECCA WAS AN ELF!!

THE ELF HUNTERS! THEY EVEN WENT TO THE DEMON WORLD IN SEARCH OF ELVES...
魔界の果てまでも追ってくる連中がいるわ!!
WE CAN STILL TURN THE TABLES AROUND. I FORGOT ABOUT...

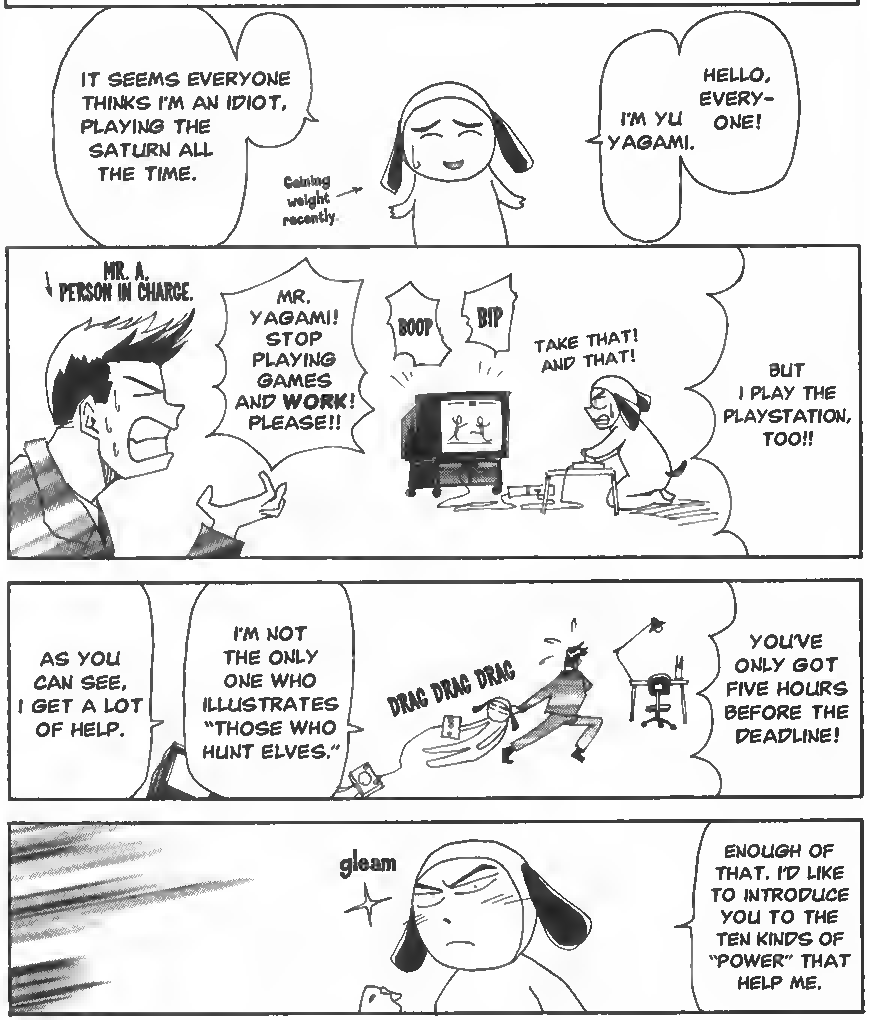
WHO'S THAT ?!
WHAT THE...
?!
!!
CRACK
HE'S ON THE SHIP.
GOOD. JUNPEI'S ARRIVED.
MIKE!
PREPARE TO FIRE!
SPLSSH
AND THERE'S ANOTHER ELF. JUST LIKE WE HEARD.

?!
BAAM
HEEL KICK!!

NOW LET'S GET ON WITH THE ELF STRIPPING!!
UP YOURS!
VWOOO RRR
SWIMMING UP TO THIS SHIP WAS A GREAT WARM-UP.
HEH HEH HEH...

THOSE WHO ILLUSTRATE ELVES

[Encyclopedia of Those Who Assist Me]
Yu Yagami

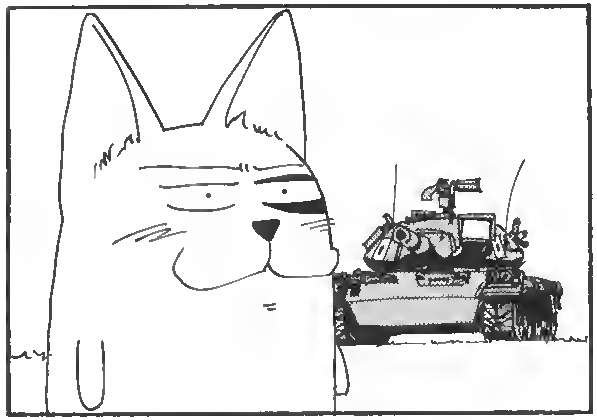

IT SEEMS EVERYONE THINKS I'M AN IDIOT, PLAYING THE SATURN ALL THE TIME.
Gaining weight recently.
I'M YU YAGAMI.
HELLO, EVERY-ONE!
MR. A, PERSON IN CHARGE.
MR. YAGAMI! STOP PLAYING GAMES AND WORK! PLEASE!!
BOOP
BIP
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
BUT I PLAY THE PLAYSTATION, TOO!!
AS YOU CAN SEE, I GET A LOT OF HELP.
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO ILLUSTRATES "THOSE WHO HUNT ELVES."
DRAG DRAG DRAG
YOU'VE ONLY GOT FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE DEADLINE!
gleam
ENOUGH OF THAT. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE TEN KINDS OF "POWER" THAT HELP ME.

Character Profile (4)

Celcia Marie Claire (Spot)

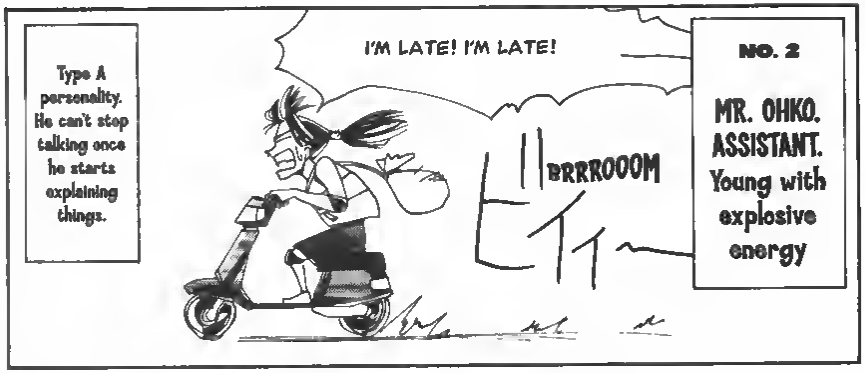
Tribe: Common Elves
Age: Unknown
Blood Type: Unknown
Sign: Crescent Moon (yup, there's such a thing in this world)

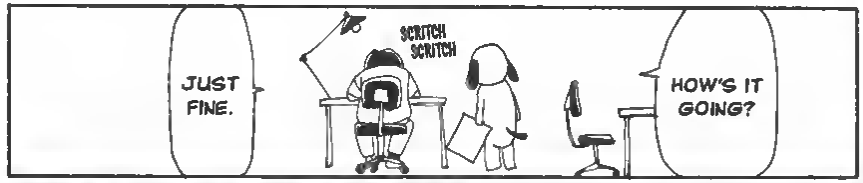
Celcia is an excellent sorceress, and one-time head of the Common Elves of the Carmagan region. Currently, however, she is stuck in the form of a dog and can't return to her original form. Junpei calls her "Spot".

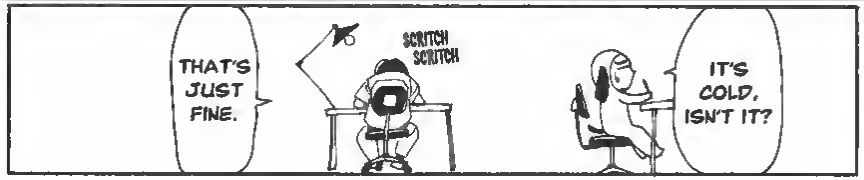


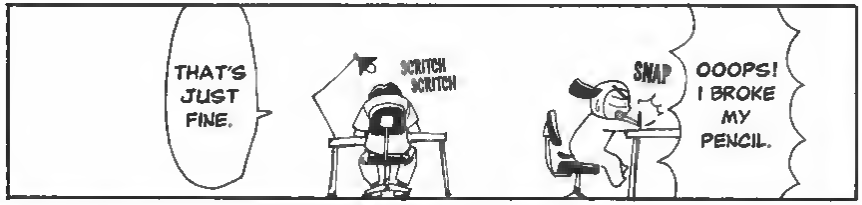
Model T-74 Tank (Mikē)

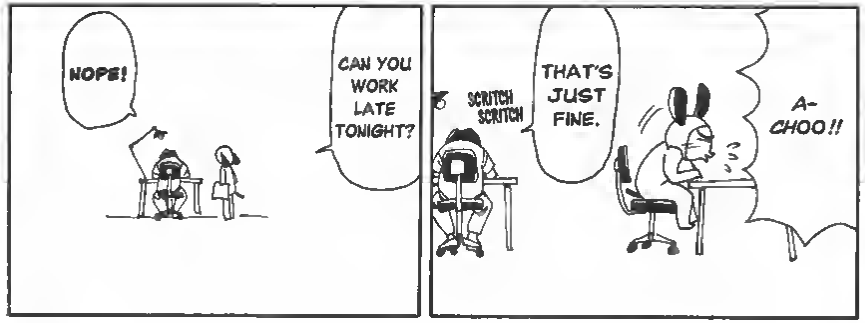
The T-74 (now known as Mikē) has been taken over by a cat spirit. As a result, it's become quite an unsual tank that's skittish of dogs and doesn't require fuel. it's fighting capabilitias have yat to be seen.


He's a quiet and easygoing B type personality. He uses the phrase "just fine" a lot.
NO. 1
BOOMERANG MATSUOKA. Veteran Assistant
SMILE

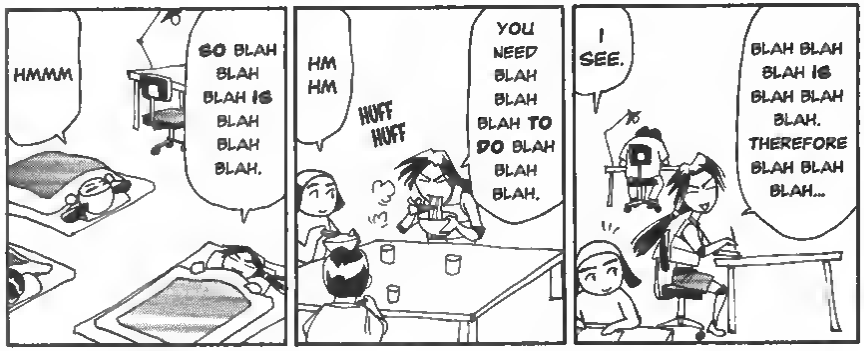

JUST FINE.
SCRITCH SCRITCH
HOW'S IT GOING?

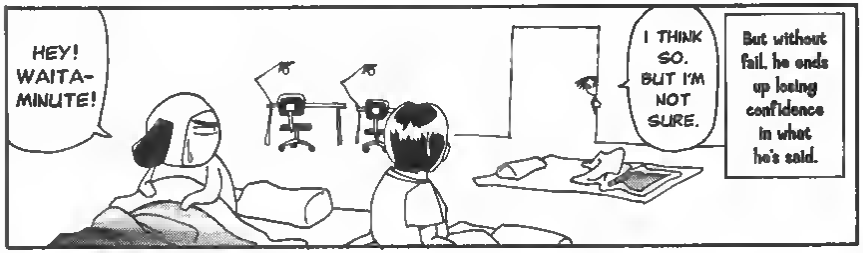

THAT'S JUST FINE.
SCRITCH SCRITCH
IT'S COLD, ISN'T IT?

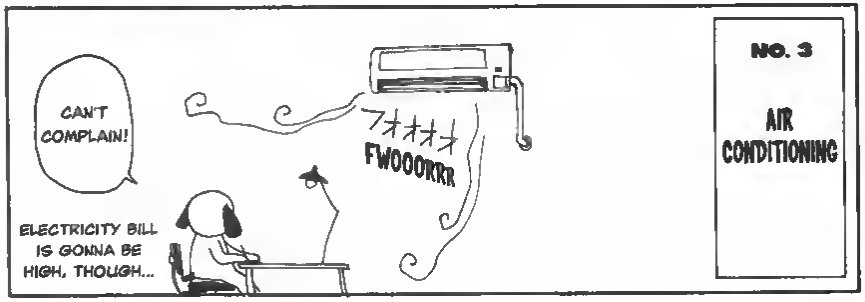

THAT'S JUST FINE.
SCRITCH SCRITCH
SNAP
OOOPS! I BROKE MY PENCIL.

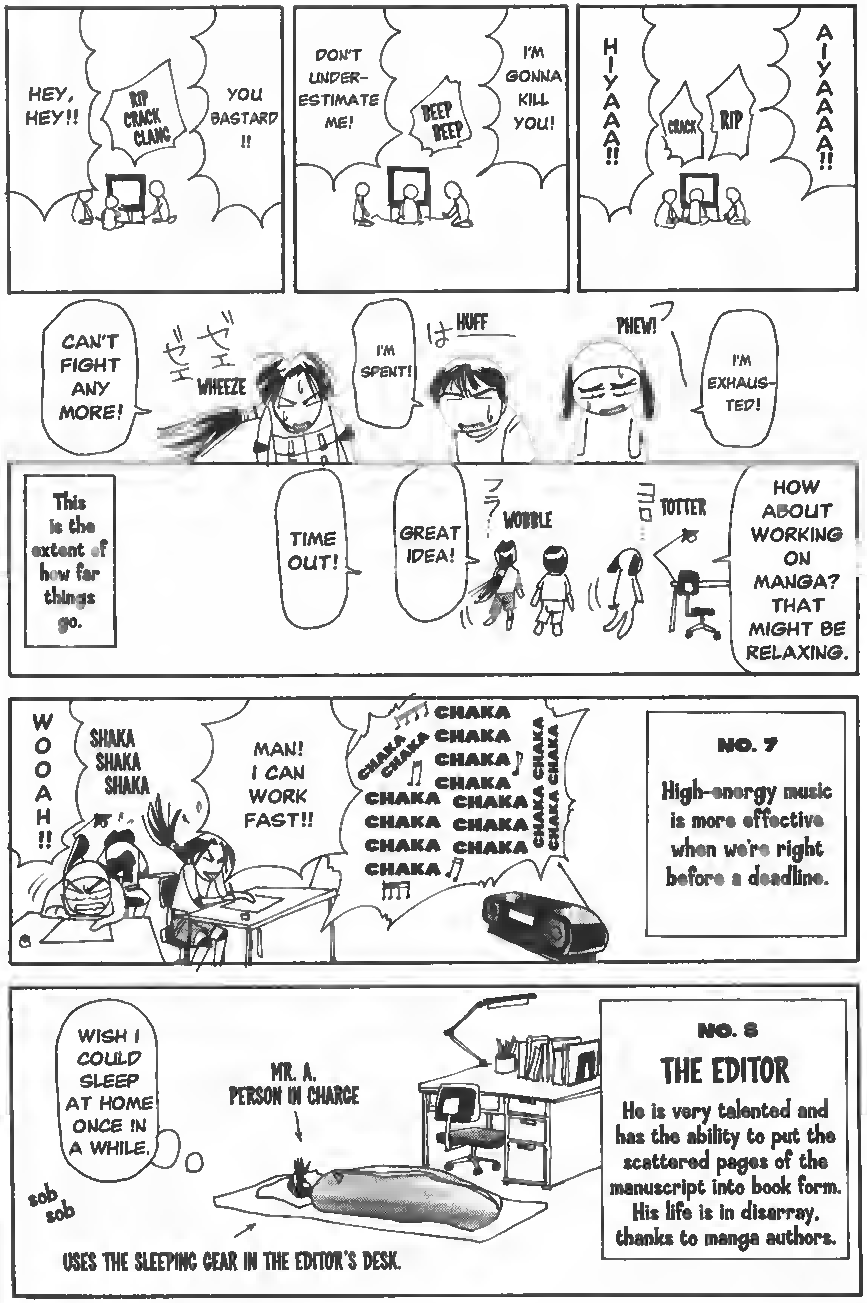

NOPE!
CAN YOU WORK LATE TONIGHT?
SCRITCH SCRITCH
THAT'S JUST FINE.
A-CHOO!!

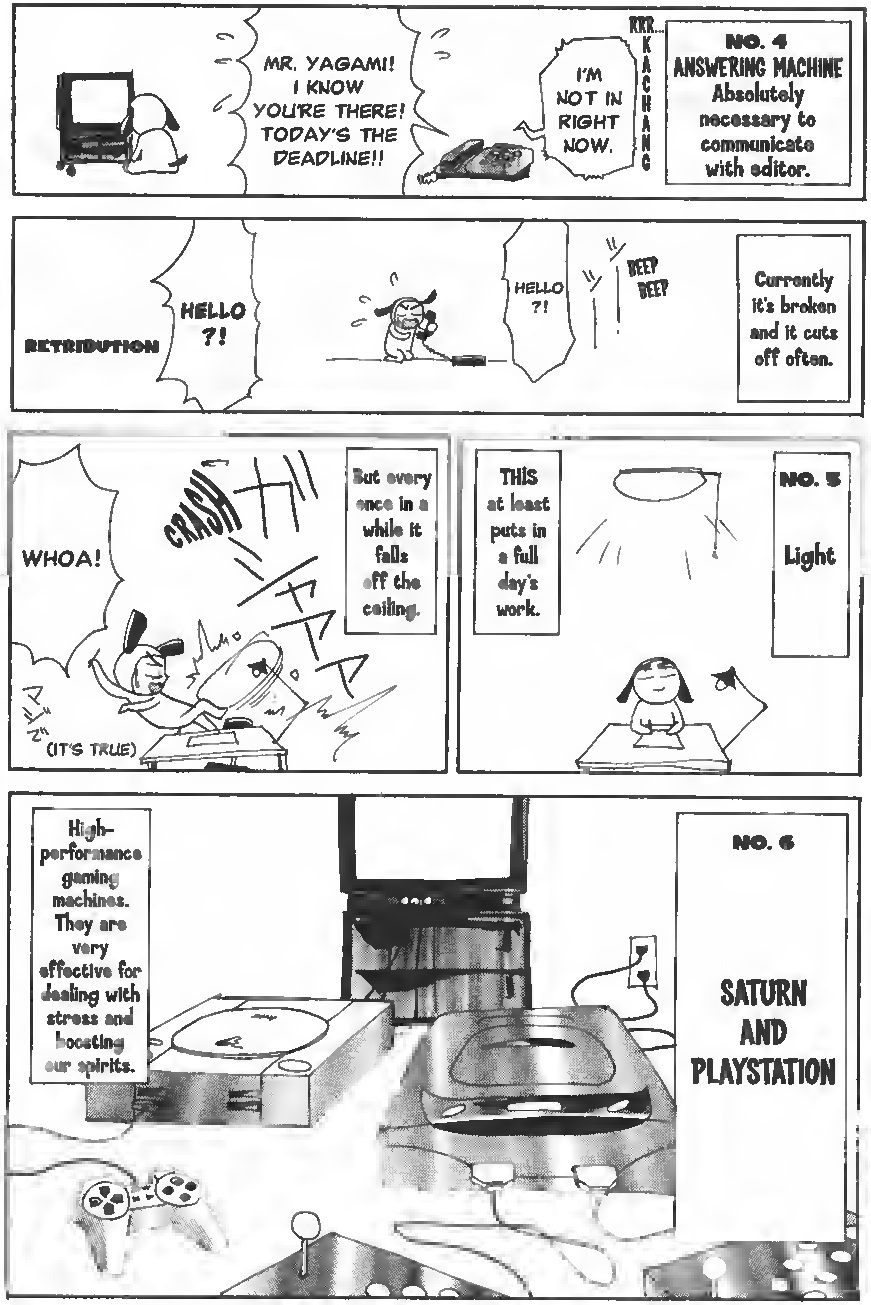
Type A personality. He can't stop talking once he starts explaining things.
I'M LATE! I'M LATE!
BRRROOOM
NO. 2
MR. OHKO. ASSISTANT. Young with explosive energy


HMMM
SO BLAH BLAH BLAH IS BLAH BLAH BLAH.
HM HM
HUFF HUFF
YOU NEED BLAH BLAH BLAH TO DO BLAH BLAH BLAH.
I SEE.
BLAH BLAH BLAH IS BLAH BLAH BLAH. THEREFORE BLAH BLAH BLAH...


HEY! WAITA-MINUTE!
I THINK SO. BUT I'M NOT SURE.
But without fail, he ends up losing confidence in what he's said.


CAN'T COMPLAIN!
フォォォ FWOOORRR
ELECTRICITY BILL IS GONNA BE HIGH, THOUGH...
NO. 3
AIR CONDITIONING

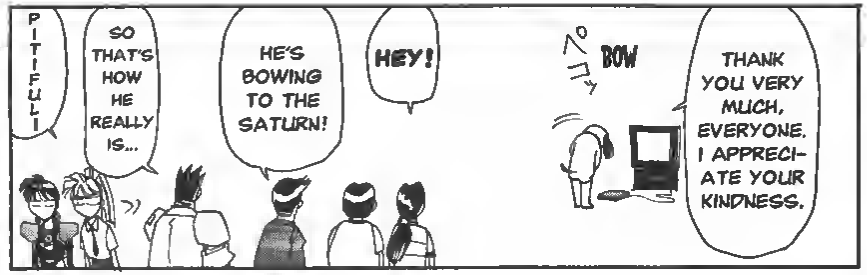

HEY, HEY!!
RIP CRACK CLANG
YOU BASTARD !!
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!
BEEP BEEP
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!
HIYAAA!!
CRACK
RIP
AIYAAAA!!
CAN'T FIGHT ANY MORE!
WHEEZE
I'M SPENT!
HUFF
PHEW!
I'M EXHAUS-TED!
This is the extent of how far things go.
TIME OUT!
GREAT IDEA!
WOBBLE
TOTTER
HOW ABOUT WORKING ON MANGA? THAT MIGHT BE RELAXING.
WOOAH !!
SHAKA SHAKA SHAKA
MAN! I CAN WORK FAST!!
CHAKA
NO. 7
High-energy music is more effective when we're right before a deadline.
WISH I COULD SLEEP AT HOME ONCE IN A WHILE.
sob sob
MR. A. PERSON IN CHARGE
USES THE SLEEPING GEAR IN THE EDITOR'S DESK.
NO. 8
THE EDITOR
He is very talented and has the ability to put the scattered pages of the manuscript into book form. His life is in disarray, thanks to manga authors.

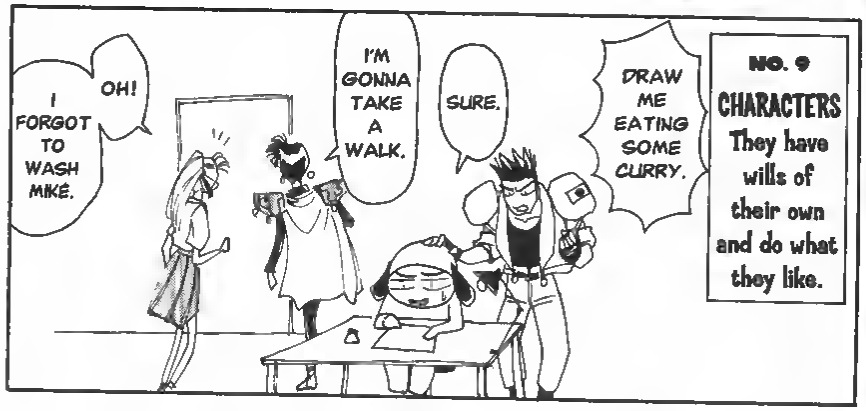

MR. YAGAMI! I KNOW YOU'RE THERE! TODAY'S THE DEADLINE!!
I'M NOT IN RIGHT NOW.
KKR... KACHANG
NO. 4
ANSWERING MACHINE
Absolutely necessary to communicate with editor.
RETRIBUTION
HELLO ?!
HELLO ?!
BEEP BEEP
Currently it's broken and it cuts off often.
WHOA!
CRASH
But every once in a while it falls off the ceiling.
(IT'S TRUE)
THIS at least puts in a full day's work.
NO. 5
Light
High-performance gaming machines. They are very effective for dealing with stress and boosting our spirits.
NO. 6
SATURN AND PLAYSTATION

I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU READERS FOR THE HAPPINESS YOU GIVE ME.

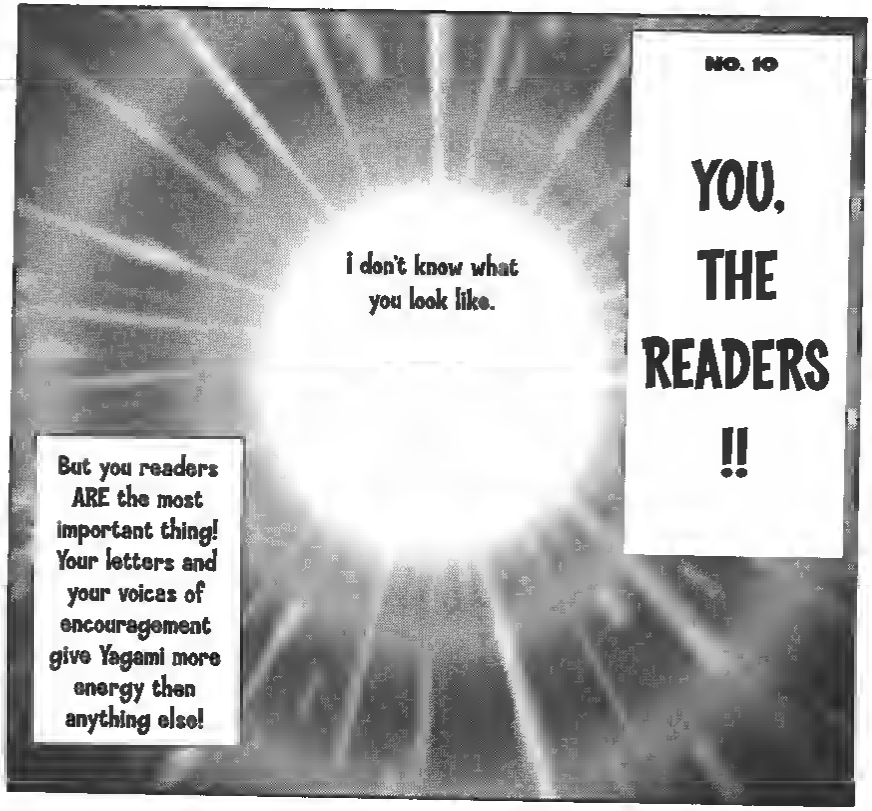
WHAT A HUMBLE MAN HE IS!
WOW...
MR. YAGAMI
MR. I. PERSON-IN-CHARGE

THESE ARE THE TEN COMPONENTS. I NEED THEM ALL TO CREATE MANGA.


PITIFUL!
SO THAT'S HOW HE REALLY IS...
HE'S BOWING TO THE SATURN!
HEY!
BOW
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE. I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS.


I FORGOT TO WASH MIKE.
OH!
I'M GONNA TAKE A WALK.
SURE.
DRAW ME EATING SOME CURRY.
NO. 9
CHARACTERS
They have wills of their own and do what they like.

AND...


NO. 10
YOU, THE READERS !!
I don't know what you look like.
But you readers ARE the most important thing! Your letters and your voices of encouragement give Yagami more energy than anything else!